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Bill limiting solitary confinement goes to Lamont

Compromise legislation puts 'significant restrictions' on use of isolation measure, restricting option completely for minors

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — One year after a veto by Gov. Ned Lamont, state legislators have passed a revised bill limiting solitary confinement in Connecticut prisons.

The compromise bill has gained the support of the state's prison commissioner and will be signed by Lamont, officials said Friday.

Rep. Steven Stafstrom, a Bridgeport Democrat who co-chairs the legislature's judiciary committee, said the bipartisan compromise was negotiated by the corrections department and advocates who wanted to eliminate solitary confinement completely.

"I think it strikes the right balance," Stafstrom told reporters Friday. "It doesn't eliminate the use of solitary confinement, but it puts significant restrictions on its use and makes clear that it should be used only in extreme circumstances. ... My understanding is the governor will sign it."

The state House of Representatives voted 98-45 for the measure shortly before 11:30 p.m. Thursday, a day after the bill had been passed by the Senate by 29-6 on a bipartisan basis.

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Yale student Meghana Mysore stands in a replica of a solitary confinement cell at the New Haven Free Public Library in 2017. "People in consignment cells are suffering, but we don't really know how they are suffering, so this is a way to bridge that gap," she said. State legislators Thursday sent a revised bill limiting solitary confinement to Gov. Ned Lamont, who vetoed a similar bill last year. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Emmanuella Hart transplants collard greens while maintaining plants Friday at Levo International before a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new vertical farming training center in Hartford. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

FIGHTING FOOD INSECURITY

Project aims to turn Hartford residents into micro-farmers

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

An idea six years ago to help residents of Haiti with food insecurity as part of a Boy Scouts Eagle Project led to a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Levo International's world headquarters in Hartford on Friday.

Christian Heiden was a 16-year-old student at Northwest Catholic High School in 2016 when he decided that he wanted to grow food in Haiti, a notorious food desert, through hydroponic technology, which enables farming without soil.

"Social justice and service has been a fundamental part of my upbringing," Heiden said. "The emphasis on social justice and creating systems that work for everyone and serving is really important throughout my childhood."

The Boy Scouts nixed the idea because, among other things, it wasn't practical to send a teenager to Haiti to build hydroponic farming systems. (Heiden wound up building a hydroponic greenhouse at his high school for his Eagle Project.)

Heiden, now 22 years old and a UConn graduate, didn't let go of his initial idea and he founded the nonprofit Levo — Latin for lift — in 2017 to address food insecurity in the tiny island nation.

Levo thus far has provided several hundred Haitians on the central plateau with hydroponic systems to grow fruits and vegetables.

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Cops urged to rally for state trooper accused of manslaughter

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

The state police union is urging law enforcement officers to rally in support of the trooper accused of manslaughter in the shooting death of a man after a high-speed chase into West Haven two years ago.

Trooper Brian North is set to appear in Milford Superior Court on Tuesday. The state police union on Friday called on all police officers to gather before and during the arraignment and rally for North — "to show that we stand united and will defend police officers."

Charged with first-degree manslaughter with a firearm, North faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a mandatory minimum of five years behind bars if convicted.

Mubarak Soulemane was fatally shot at the end of a high-speed chase in a stolen car on Jan. 15, 2020. Footage from the scene shows troopers and a West Haven police officer descending on the car after it was stopped off Exit 43 of I-95 North and blocked by police cars. A video of the shooting shows North firing into the car after the trooper allegedly saw Soulemane with a knife.

Inspector General Robert J. Devlin Jr. concluded, however, that neither North nor two other officers outside the car were in imminent danger of having deadly force used against them. Devlin added that due to the police car blocking his door, Soulemane would not have been able to get out.

"Although [Soulemane] held a knife in his right hand, he was not using the knife against them nor presenting any imminent threat to do so," he wrote.

Soulemane's family had called for an independent investigation and for the trooper's arrest after the shooting. They said he was a community college student who had schizophrenia. Mark Arons, a lawyer for the family, said there was a cloud over the family's head since the shooting, and they looked forward to North being convicted.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Deal sought to evacuate civilians from Mariupol

Mayor says people in steel plant don't have much time

By David Keyton and Inna Varenytsia
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — The United Nations doggedly sought to broker an evacuation of civilians from the increasingly grim ruins of Mariupol on Friday, while Ukraine accused Russia of showing its contempt for the world organization by bombing Kyiv while the U.N. leader was visiting the capital.

The mayor of Mariupol said the situation inside the steel plant that has become the southern port city's last stronghold is dire, and citizens are "begging to get saved." Mayor Vadym Boichenko added: "There, it's not a matter of days. It's a matter of hours."

Ukraine's forces, meanwhile, fought to hold off Russian attempts to advance in the south and east, where the Kremlin is seeking to capture the country's industrial Donbas region. Artillery fire, sirens and explosions were heard in some cities.

The missile strike Thursday in Kyiv came barely an hour after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a news conference with U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"This says a lot about Russia's true attitude toward global institutions, about attempts of the Russian leadership to humiliate the U.N. and everything the organization represents," Zelenskyy said.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said the attack was Russian President Vladimir Putin's way of giving "his middle finger" to Guterres.

In an apparent reference to the Kyiv bombing, Russia's military said it had destroyed "production buildings" at the Artem defense factory.

The missile strike came as life in Kyiv seemed to be getting back a little closer to normal, with cafes and other busi-

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Neighbors describe final conversations with Connie Dabate

Wrapping up the fourth week in the trial, attorneys questioned friends as the state continued to build its case against Dabate's husband. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Farming

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The company is now looking to turn Hartford residents into micro-farmers through the use of vertical farming equipment, which requires a fraction of the space typically needed for a full-scale garden.

Levo provides would-be farmers with the equipment for a Victory Garden — a 5-foot-by-2 foot tiered system with four tiered PVC pipes and an electric pump, which cycles through nutrient-rich water to the crops that can be powered by solar energy — as well as seedlings to get up and running.

"The overall maintenance of the system is less than five minutes," Heiden said. "There's no bending over, there's no weeding. It's compact."

The ribbon cutting was for the opening of the Hartford Vertical Farming Training Center on Arbor Street to train micro-farmers first how to use the Victory Garden system and, for future classes, how to tend to and harvest their crops, which will include lettuce, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes.

Levo also has a Bokit System that is non-circulating hydroponic farming — essentially a 14-gallon bin that has a top with holes drilled in it with roots from the plants soaking in water.

"You can set this system down and a head of lettuce is only going to use a gallon of water for its full growth cycle," Heiden said. "It becomes a set-it-and-forget-it kind of system. No pump. No circulation."

The yield from the farms will go to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscribers from Hartford suburbs, including West Hartford, Avon and Simsbury, Heiden said.

The micro-farmers will receive payment from Levo for what they grow, as well as a grower's share of the produce, Heiden said. So far there are about 100 CSA subscribers, Heiden said, with the capability of taking at least 50 more.



Christian Heiden, founder of Levo International, replaces a kale plant in a hydroponic growing frame after removing it to look at the root system at a new vertical farming training center on Friday in Hartford. Levo International is a Connecticut-based nonprofit specializing in the development of hydroponic systems to combat food deserts in the U.S. and around the world. **CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



Emmanuella Hart transplants collard greens while maintaining plants on Friday at Levo International's new vertical farming training center in Hartford. The plants are grown in a material spun from rocks and fertilized through watering, eliminating the need for soil.

It's essentially flipping the script on the current model of food being grown in the suburbs and shipped into the city, which is one of the worst food deserts in Connecticut.

"What we're really excited about is we're building an economically and environmentally sustainable food system for the people who have been systematically denied access to that produce," Heiden said. "Instead of trying to donate more produce that is grown elsewhere from outside the city of Hartford to food banks, the idea is to create that production center in that community itself."

The program has already been met with an enthusiastic response, Heiden said.

Athenia Powell, who lives in a three-family house in downtown Hartford, grew lettuce, arugula and collard in four of Levo's 5-gallon Bokit buckets last year.

"It was fabulous," she said. "The entire summer through to the fall, I had vegetables. I am sold, I am sold, I am sold."

This year she is signed up to have a Victory Garden, and she can't wait to get started.

"It's such a good thing for any of the neighborhoods," she said. "Especially what we're going through right now, having a little bit less than what we need to have. ... You don't have to have a green thumb to do this."

That it's new doesn't phase her, either.

"I know I'm going to love it," she said. "I don't care."

Levo receives funding through donations and grants and from Sustainable CT through its community match fund.

"Our goal is to empower and amplify small-dollar contributions and the community match fund is designed to help leaders get cool ideas off the ground that don't necessarily fit within a traditional foundation structure or funding plan," Joseph Dickerson, Sustainable CT community partnership manager, said.

Levo, which has several full-time employees and about 20-part-time volunteers in Hartford, has come a long way since Heiden's idea back as a 16-year-old scout.

"If you had told me a couple of years ago, six years ago that I was going to end up in agriculture, I would have told you out of your mind," Heiden said.

For more information on Levo International's vertical farming program or CSA, visit levointernational.org. For more information on Sustainable CT, visit sustainablect.org

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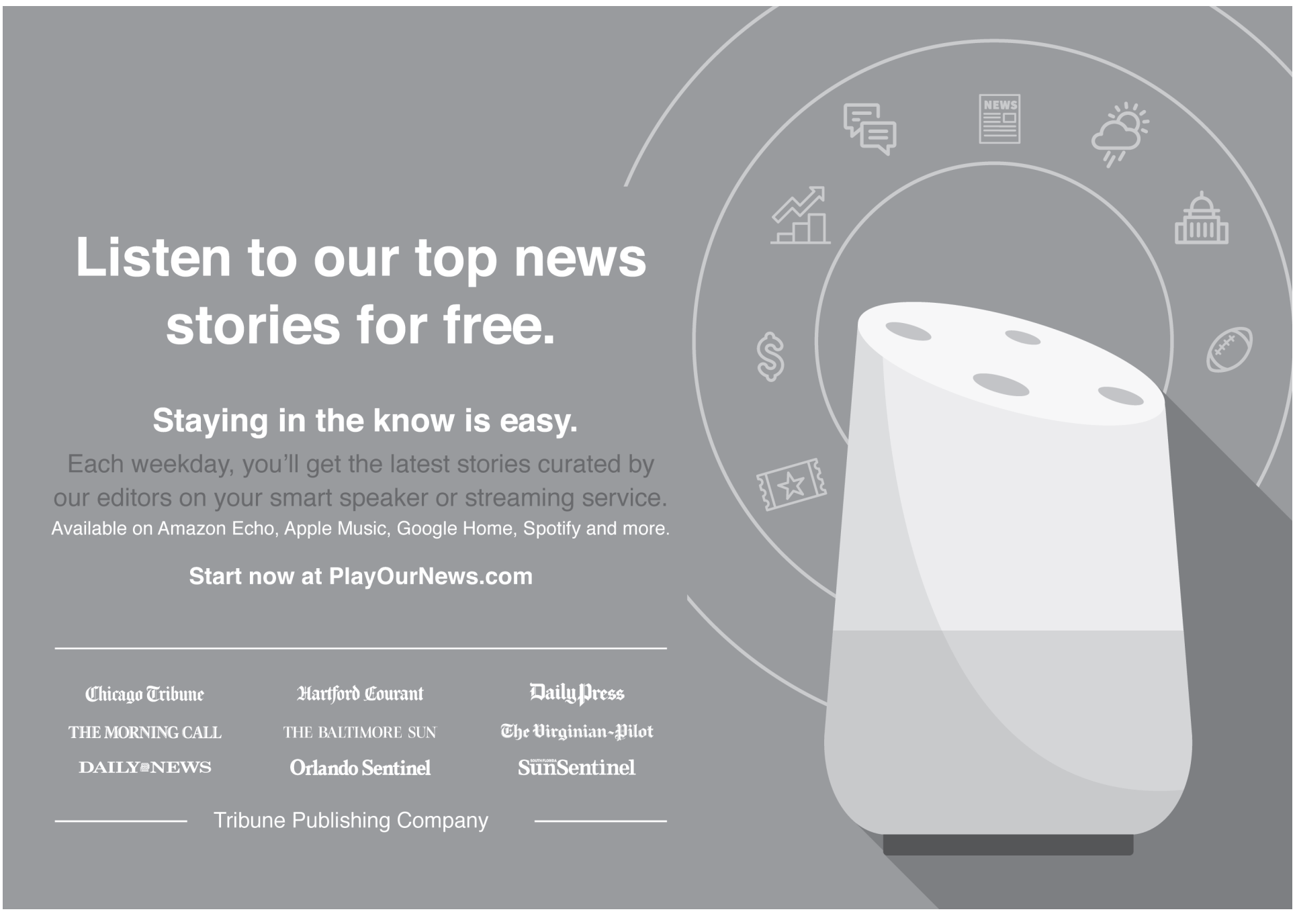
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LUCKY FOR LIFE
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$1 million

TONIGHT'S EST. POWERBALL JACKPOT:
$20 million



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State Senate unanimously OKs crackdown on resale of stolen catalytic converters

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — As a major outbreak of thefts has spread across the state, the Connecticut Senate voted unanimously Friday to crack down on the sale of stolen catalytic converters from automobiles.

Lawmakers voted 35-0 to prohibit junkyards and motor vehicle recyclers from receiving a catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle. That move is designed to stop criminals from cutting converters off cars and bringing them to junkyards in return for cash.

"Catalytic converters are very expensive — worth a lot of money," said Sen. Cathy Osten, a Sprague Democrat who introduced the bill.

Sen. Dan Champagne, a former police sergeant, said that lawmakers learned that many sales were made from business to business — as garages sell to the junkyards. As such, some of the crackdown is targeted at businesses.

"A lot of it is paperwork and identification processing,'' Champagne said. "Paperwork of where the catalytic converters came from."

A key piece of identification that must be included in the paperwork is the 17-digit vehicle identification number, known as a VIN number, that clearly identifies the vehicle involved.

The measure now goes to the state House of Representatives, which is scrambling to finish its work on scores of bills before the regular session ends on the mandated deadline of May 4.

Lawmakers said the problem can be solved only with a multi-pronged approach. Sen. Eric Berthel, a Watertown Republican, supported the bill but said it did not do enough to stop the thefts in the first place.

"I think this is a good start," Berthel said. "I guess I'm on record officially that we're missing a part of what we could have done here."

Both Republicans and Democrats say the thefts are a growing problem in towns around the state as thieves sell the converters for hundreds of dollars. The items are valuable because they contain precious metals that include platinum, rhodium, and palladium.

The 10-page bill would require record-keeping by scrap metal processors and others to track the sales and include any identification numbers on the converters, as well as the name, address and driver's license number of the seller. The transactions would need to be made by check, not cash, and the junk dealers would need to file weekly reports with the state police on their transactions in a closely watched system.

Using a battery-powered saw, an experienced criminal can slice the converter off the car in less than two minutes, police say.

Converters have been stolen nationwide — with increases that started spiking with the coronavirus pandemic in early 2020. The reason is that the metals needed to create the converters are worth hundreds of dollars upon resale.

The thefts have occurred in numerous towns. In Glastonbury, thefts had jumped to a record-breaking 56 in less than three full months at the start of this year, compared to only 14 for the entire year in 2020, according to police statistics.



The Connecticut Senate voted to crack down on the resale of catalytic converters from automobiles as the thefts have been made nationwide. Here, an assistant manager at a muffler shop replaces a worn-out catalytic converter on a vehicle in Utah, where thefts have been spiking this year and legislation is being considered to help solve the problem.
FRANCISCO KJOLSETH/AP

In Windsor Locks, 26 converters were stolen from a plumbing and heating contractor, according to police.

School buses have been vandalized in Vernon and other towns as thieves arrive at night in the yards where the buses are parked. Last year, converters were stolen from 28 parked buses in Trumbull — knocking out the entire bus fleet. The damage reached about $75,000 because each bus was equipped with two converters.

Some thieves have been particularly emboldened, creating dangerous situations as they flee when police arrive.

In Farmington, Officer James O'Donnell suffered serious injuries when he was struck by a fleeing, stolen vehicle on Sept. 20 after arriving at the scene on a call about a suspected stolen catalytic converter. O'Donnell was squeezed between his police car and a car driven by New Britain resident Pedro Acevedo, who was charged with first-degree assault and other criminal counts, police said.

O'Donnell endured two surgeries and now has a permanent screw in the bone between his hips and tailbone.

In Windsor Locks, a detective narrowly escaped injury at 2:15 a.m. when he arrived as a catalytic converter was being sawed off a vehicle at a hotel parking lot, police said. The detective saw the car fall to the ground after a jack that held it up was released. The thief then drove directly at the officer's marked police car and missed the vehicle by inches before escaping, police said.

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Television host's two sons among the three victims identified in fatal crash in Branford

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Branford police have identified three people killed in an early-morning crash on Hosley Avenue on Thursday.

Two of the victims, 19-year-old Anthony Dudchik of East Haddam and 22-year-old Robert Dudchik of East Haven, are the sons of Capitol Report television host Tom Dudchik. The third victim was identified as 17-year-old Megan Nicole Povilaitis of East Haven, according to the police report on Friday.

An investigation by local police and the South Central Regional Traffic Team found that Povilaitis was driving at a fast speed when she "failed to negotiate a curve in the road," police said in a statement issued Friday afternoon.

Anthony Dudchik and his older brother Robert Dudchik were both passengers in the vehicle.

The Branford Emergency Communications Center received a call about 6:25 a.m. Thursday from a passing motorist to report a crashed vehicle which appeared to have crashed off the roadway, police said. According to police, all three were found dead.

Tom Dudchik is a 40-year-veteran of Connecticut politics, according to Capitol Report, and host of the weekly Sunday show.

"The News 8 family is devastated over the tragic loss of Tom Dudchik's two sons," said WTNH general manager Rich Graziano in a statement on the local ABC station's website Friday. "We are sending thoughts and prayers to Tom and his wife, Nora, during this difficult time. We are all heartbroken and stunned at this tragedy. Tom is part of our News 8 family, and our hearts are with his family."

Connecticut U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal said in a statement on Twitter that his heart went out to Dudchik's family and the Povilaitis family.

"There are no words — we're all with you," the senator wrote.

Connecticut U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy echoed his sentiment.

"I can't stop thinking about this. My heart is breaking for the Dudchik and Povilaitis families. Just devastating. Everyone in Connecticut is pulling for you," he said on Twitter.

At the state Capitol in Hartford, Speaker Matt Ritter of Hartford interrupted the proceedings Friday and asked the House chamber for a moment of silence for all three victims after telling his colleagues that they knew Dudchik's work even if they had not met him personally.

"You read his links every day," Ritter said. "You go to his website every day."

Ritter mentioned that legislators and staff members had been talking about the tragedy throughout the day Friday.

"A lot of us can't even put into words — we're all talking about it in the back — the thought of what he and his family are going through," Ritter said. "So all we can do is pray and send our love."

Gov. Ned Lamont tweeted, "Connecticut son and my friend, Tom Dudchik, lost his two boys, Anthony and Robert, in a car accident. Please keep Tom, Nora, and the greater Dudchik family in your prayers as they deal with this unimaginable loss."

The South Central Regional Traffic Team is continuing to investigate the crash and police were offering counseling services.

"We recognize the impact a loss of this magnitude will have on families, friends and our community now and in the future. We encourage anyone who may need counseling services to reach out to our Police Social Worker Danielle Suraci at 203-481-4241," the police said.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to contact Sgt. Christopher Romanello at 203-481-4241.

Capitol bureau chief Christopher Keating contributed to this report.

Evacuate

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nesses starting to reopen and growing numbers of people going out to enjoy the arrival of spring.

Volodymyr Fesenko, a Ukrainian political analyst and head of the Kyiv-based Penta Center think tank, said the attack carried a message: "Russia is sending a clear signal about its intention to continue the war despite the international pressure."

Getting a full picture of the unfolding battle in the east has been difficult because airstrikes and artillery barrages have made it extremely dangerous for reporters to move around. Both Ukraine and the Moscow-backed rebels fighting in the east also have introduced tight restrictions on reporting from the combat zone.

Moscow announced the start of the renewed offensive in the eastern Donbas region nearly two weeks ago but so far, Russia's troops and the separatist forces don't appear to have scored any major territorial advances.



Military paramedics Pablo and Inna, who plan on marrying next week, embrace Friday as they wait to pick up a wounded soldier in a village near the front line in the Zaporizhzhia region of southeast Ukraine. LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

In the bombed-out city of Mariupol, around 100,000 people were believed trapped with little food, water or medicine. An estimated 2,000 Ukrainian defenders and 1,000 civilians were holed up at the Azovstal steel plant.

The Soviet-era steel plant has a vast underground network of bunkers able to withstand airstrikes. But the situation has grown more dire after the Russians dropped "bunker busters" and other bombs.

"Locals who manage to leave Mariupol say it is hell, but when they leave this fortress, they say it is worse," said Boichenko, the mayor.

U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq said the organization was negotiating with authorities in Moscow and Kyiv to create safe passage.

Ukraine has blamed the failure of numerous previous evacuation attempts on continued Russian shelling.

This time, "we hope there's a slight touch of humanity in the enemy," the mayor said.

Also Friday, two towns in central Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region were hit by Russian rockets, the regional governor said. There was no immediate word on casualties or damage.

Fighting could be heard from Kramatorsk to Sloviansk, two cities about 11 miles apart in the Donbas. Columns of smoke rose from the Sloviansk area and neighboring cities. At least one person was reported wounded in the shelling.

The governor of Russia's Kursk region said that a border post came under mortar attack from Ukraine and that Russian border forces returned fire. He said there were no casualties on the Russian side.

In the village of Ruska Lozava, near Kharkiv, hundreds of people were evacuated after Ukrainian forces retook the city from Russian occupiers, according to the regional governor. Those who fled to Kharkiv spoke of dire conditions under the Russians, with little water or food and no electricity.

"We were hiding in the basement. It was horror. The basement was shaking from the explosions. We were screaming, we were crying and we were praying to God," said Ludmila Bocharnikova.

A video posted by Ukraine's Azov battalion showed troops raising the blue and yellow Ukrainian flag over the government building in the center of the village, though fighting continued on the outskirts.

Rally

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The state police union extended condolences to Soulemane's family, saying, "No Connecticut state trooper ever intends to or has the desire to take the life of another human being."

But the call to rally for North says, "We are all disappointed that the politically appointed Inspector General, independently, made the decision to prosecute Trooper North, who was forced to make a split-second decision during these dangerous and rapidly evolving circumstances.

"We believe Trooper North acted objectively reasonable during this violent encounter and we believe a jury will find reasonable doubt and acquit him of these serious charges, " the notice said.

"This rally is about more than just the arrest of Trooper North," the notice said. "It's about sending a clear message to the politicians that a police officer's job is inherently dangerous — and that ALL officers — regardless of the uniform they wear — will defend and support each other."

Arons said Friday, "In a democracy, the right to assemble peacefully, and the right of free speech, are paramount and sacrosanct. The law enforcement community has every right to express their support for their colleague."

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Solitary

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The bill prevents a prisoner from being held in solitary confinement for more than 15 consecutive days or 30 days within a two-month period — a sharp change from the long periods that prisoners had been held in the past. The measure also prevents any minors under the age of 18 from being held in isolated confinement at all.

The 34-page bill creates a nine-member advisory committee that will help choose candidates to be the correction ombudsman, who will be chosen by the governor after the committee interviews multiple candidates. The independent ombudsman will serve for two years, but the term can be renewed.

The compromise was necessary this year because of Lamont's veto last year that was not overridden by the Democratic-controlled legislature.

Lamont agreed with prison supervisors who rallied against the initial bill by saying the measure was too broad and would jeopardize the safety of both prison guards and inmates.

"This legislation places unreasonable and dangerous limits on the use of restraints," Lamont wrote in his veto message. "The bill ... only permits correctional officers with the rank of captain or higher to order the use of handcuffs and only permits therapists to order restraints during the psychiatric emergency."

In a long-running push, advocates erected a room on the first floor of the state Capitol to simulate what it would be like to be in solitary confinement. They also stood outside the Capitol each day near the end of the legislative session last year, and former UConn basketball superstar Caron Butler made a plea to Lamont to sign the bill.

Nearly a year later, Lamont and advocates have resolved the issues.

"Gov. Lamont appreciates all of the advocates for meeting with the leadership of the Department of Correction and developing a solution for these concerns that focuses on minimizing the long-term impacts of incarceration while simultaneously maintaining a safe and secure environment for correction staff and individuals in custody," said David Bednarz, Lamont's spokesman. "Similar to the executive order issued by the governor last year, this legislation meets those objectives, and he looks forward to signing it into law."

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine casts net for collaborators

Martial law imposed to find, crack down on backers of Russia

By Mstyslav Chernov and Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press



A Security Service agent visits an apartment during a search for Russian collaborators April 14 in Kharkiv, Ukraine. **FELIPE DANA/AP**

KHARKIV, Ukraine — Viktor appeared nervous as masked Ukrainian security officers in full riot gear, camouflage and weapons pushed into his cluttered apartment in the northern city of Kharkiv. His hands trembled and he tried to cover his face.

The middle-age man came to the attention of Ukraine's Security Service, the SBU, after what authorities said were his social media posts praising Russian President Vladimir Putin for "fighting with the Nazis," calling for regions to secede and labeling the national flag "a symbol of death."

"Yes, I supported (the Russian invasion of Ukraine) a lot. I'm sorry. ... I have already changed my mind," said Viktor, his trembling voice showing clear signs of duress in the presence of the Ukrainian security officers.

"Get your things and get dressed," an officer said before escorting him out of the apartment. The SBU did not reveal Viktor's last name, citing their investigation.

Viktor was one of nearly 400 people in the Kharkiv region alone who have been detained under anti-collaboration laws enacted quickly by Ukraine's parliament and signed by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy after Russia's Feb. 24 invasion.

Offenders face up to 15 years in prison for collaborating with Russian forces, making public denials about Russian aggression or supporting Moscow. Anyone whose actions result in deaths could face life in prison.

"Accountability for collaboration is inevitable, and whether it will happen tomorrow or the day after ... is another question," Zelenskyy said. "The most important thing is that justice will be served inevitably."

Although the Zelenskyy government has broad support, even among many Russian speakers, not all Ukrainians oppose the invasion. Support for Moscow is more common among some Russian-speaking residents of the Donbas, an industrial region in the east. An eight-year conflict there between Moscow-backed separatists and Ukrainian government forces has killed more than 14,000 people even before this year's invasion.

Some businessmen, civic and state officials and members of the military are among those who have gone over to the Russian side, and Ukraine's State Bureau of Investigations said more than 200 criminal cases on collaboration have been opened. Zelenskyy has even stripped two SBU generals of their rank, accusing them of treason.

A "registry of collaborators" is being compiled and will be released to the public, said Oleksiy Danilov, head of Ukraine's Security Council. He refused to say how many people were targeted nationwide.

Under martial law, authorities banned 11 pro-Russian political parties, including the largest one with 25 seats in the 450-member parliament — the Opposition Platform For Life, founded by Viktor Medvedchuk, a jailed oligarch with close ties to Putin.

Authorities say pro-Russian activists in southeastern Ukraine, the scene of active fighting, are acting as spotters to direct shelling.

"One of our key goals is to have no one stab our armed forces in the back," said Roman Dudin, head of the Kharkiv branch of the SBU, in an interview with The Associated Press. He spoke in a dark basement where the SBU moved its operations after its building in central Kharkiv was shelled.

The Kharkiv branch has been detaining people who support the invasion, call for secession and claim that Ukrainian forces are shelling their own cities.

Allegations of collaborating with the enemy carry strong historic resonance in Ukraine. During World War II, some in the region welcomed and even cooperated with invading forces from Nazi Germany after years of Stalinist repression that included the Holodomor — a man-made famine believed to have killed more than 3 million Ukrainians.

Human rights advocates know of "dozens" of detentions of pro-Russian activists in Kyiv alone since the new laws were passed, but how many have been targeted nationwide is unclear, said Volodymyr Yavorskyy, coordinator at the Center for Civil Liberties, one of Ukraine's largest human rights groups.

"There is no complete data on the (entire) country, since it is all classified by the SBU," Yavorskyy told AP.

A person in Ukraine can be detained for up to 30 days without a court order, he said, and anti-terrorism legislation under martial law allows authorities not to tell defense attorneys about their clients being remanded.

In the besieged port city of Mariupol, officials accused collaborators of helping the Russians cut off electricity, water, gas and communications in much of the city.

"Now I understand perfectly why the Russians were carrying out such precise, coordinated strikes on objects of critical infrastructure, knew about all locations and even times when Ukrainian buses evacuating refugees were supposed to depart," said Mayor Vadym Boychenko.

Relatives: Ex-US Marine killed fighting in Ukraine

Father writes son wanted to defend innocent people

By Jonathan Drew
Associated Press



Cleanup crews work Friday in Kyiv, Ukraine. Russia struck after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday. **EMILIO MORENATTI/AP**

A 22-year-old former U.S. Marine was killed alongside Ukrainian forces in the war with Russia, his relatives told news outlets in what's the first known death of an American citizen fighting in Ukraine.

Willy Joseph Cancel was killed Monday while working for a military contracting company that sent him to Ukraine, his mother, Rebecca Cabrera, told CNN. Cancel had recently worked as a corrections officer in Tennessee and had previously served in the Marines from 2017-21, joining the service the same year he graduated from high school.

Cabrera said her son had signed up to work with the private military contractor shortly before fighting began in Ukraine on Feb. 24. She told CNN he agreed to go to Ukraine.

"He wanted to go over because he believed in what Ukraine was fighting for, and he wanted to be a part of it to contain it there so it didn't come here, and that maybe our American soldiers wouldn't have to be involved in it," she said.

Cabrera said her son's body has not been found.

"They haven't found his body," she said. "They are trying, the men that were with him, but it was either grab his body or get killed, but we would love for him to come back to us."

She said her son flew to Poland on March 12 and entered Ukraine shortly after. She said he was fighting alongside men from a number of countries.

Cancel had also served as a volunteer firefighter in New York and leaves behind a 7-month-old son, according to an online fundraising page set up by a man identifying himself as his father. His wife received the call informing her of his death Tuesday, the page said. The father wrote that Cancel made the decision in early March to go to Ukraine because he wanted to defend innocent people.

Cancel graduated from Newburgh Free Academy in New York in 2017, the school district said. He participated in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps while in high school.

Cancel worked at a private prison in Tennessee from May 2021 until January, said Matthew Davio, a spokesman for the private prison company CoreCivic. The Trousdale Turner Correctional Center, a medium-security facility, is about an hour northeast of Nashville.

"As a correctional officer, Mr. Cancel served his state and his community by helping maintain a safe, secure environment where inmates can participate in life-changing reentry programs. We are grateful for his service and saddened by his loss," Davio said in a statement.

While in the Marines, Cancel served as a rifleman and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was given a bad conduct discharge after he was convicted of violating a lawful general order, Marine Corps spokesperson Maj. Jim Stenger said.

He had no war zone deployments, Stenger said.

The U.S. has not confirmed the reports of Cancel's death. On Friday, the State Department said it was aware of the reports and is "closely monitoring the situation" but could not comment further "due to privacy considerations."

"We once again reiterate U.S. citizens should not travel to Ukraine due to the active armed conflict and the singling out of U.S. citizens in Ukraine by Russian government security officials, and that U.S. citizens in Ukraine should depart immediately if it is safe to do so using any commercial or other privately available ground transportation options," the State Department said.

Cancel's widow, Brittany Cancel, told Fox News he leaves behind a young son and that she sees her husband as a hero.

"My husband did die in Ukraine," Brittany Cancel said. "He went there wanting to help people, he had always felt that, that was his main mission in life."

She said her husband volunteered to go to Ukraine but also had aspirations of becoming a police officer or firefighter.

"Naturally, when he found out about what was happening in Ukraine, he was eager to volunteer," she told Fox.

Tens of thousands of Ukrainians are believed to have been killed in the war. Other noncombatants from the U.S. have been killed, including a documentary filmmaker who was slain when his vehicle came under fire at a checkpoint and a man killed while he was waiting in a bread line.

The US-funded broadcaster Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty said one of its journalists was killed Thursday by a Russian missile strike on Kyiv.

Vira Hyrych died when the building she lived in was hit and her body was found in the rubble Friday, Radio Free Europe said.

Hyrych had worked for the broadcaster's Ukrainian-language service since 2018, Radio Free Europe said in a statement.

Ukraine names 10 Russian soldiers it says committed Bucha atrocities

By Jeffrey Gettleman
The New York Times

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian authorities have published the names and photos of 10 Russian soldiers whom they accuse of kidnapping and torturing unarmed civilians in Bucha, the most detailed accusation yet against Russian forces in Ukraine.

Bucha, a suburb north of Kyiv, was the site of some of the war's worst atrocities. The bodies of hundreds of civilians were found there after Russian troops pulled out of the area in late March. Many victims had been shot in the back of the head, and others had been executed with their hands tied behind their backs. Ukrainian officials said women had been raped and children killed.

Ukraine's prosecutor general's office said in a statement Thursday that the 10 named Russian soldiers took civilians hostage, "killed them with hunger and thirst, kept them on their knees with their hands tied and their eyes taped" and "humiliated and beat" them. The statement, which was posted on social media, included photos of the soldiers identified.

"We know all the details about them and their actions," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an overnight address. "And we will find everyone, just as we will find all the other Russian thugs who killed and tortured Ukrainians, who tormented our people, who destroyed houses and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine."

Russian officials have denied that their troops committed any crimes in Bucha, calling the images and witness accounts fake. But dozens of witnesses, along with independent human rights investigators, have said the occupying Russian forces did just that.

In a recent Human Rights Watch report, the advocacy group said that "Russian forces committed a litany of apparent war crimes during their occupation of Bucha" and that there was "extensive evidence of summary executions, other unlawful killings, enforced disappearances, and torture, all of which would constitute war crimes and potential crimes against humanity."

Ukrainian authorities identified Russia's 64th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade as the unit responsible for some of these atrocities and said their involvement had been "established through investigative and coordinated work of prosecutors and police officers." The soldiers included four privates, four corporals and two sergeants, Ukrainian officials said.

This case is the fruit of an investigation that involved hundreds of Ukrainian lawyers and police officers combing Bucha's ruined streets, interviewing witnesses and collecting forensic evidence from bodies and crime scenes for the past month.

NEWS BRIEFING

Affidavit: Trump says he doesn't have records subpoenaed by NY AG

From news services

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's lawyers, seeking to reverse their client's $10,000-per-day contempt fine, provided a New York judge Friday with an affidavit in which the former president claims he didn't turn over subpoenaed documents to the state attorney general's office because he doesn't have them.

The judge, though, was unmoved and refused to lift sanctions he imposed on Trump on Monday. Judge Arthur Engoron criticized the lack of detail in Trump affidavit, which amounted to two paragraphs, saying that he should have explained the methods he uses to stores his records and efforts he made to locate the subpoenaed files.

In the affidavit, which bore Trump's signature and Wednesday's date, the former president said that documents sought in Attorney General Letitia James' civil investigation into his business dealings weren't in his personal possession. Trump, who is appealing the contempt ruling, said he believed any documents would be in the possession of his company, the Trump Organization.

In other affidavits, Trump lawyers Alina Habba and Michael Madaio detailed steps they took to locate documents in the Dec. 1 subpoena, including meeting with Trump last month at Mar-a-Lago in Florida and reviewing prior searches of his company's files.

Andrew Amer, a lawyer for the attorney general's office, said in a court filing that while the affidavits "provide some additional information" about Trump's efforts to comply with the subpoena, more extensive searches were needed — including of Trump Tower, his residences and electronic devices — before the judge should consider reversing the contempt finding.

Frank Runyeon, a reporter for the legal publication Law360, said that Engoron held an impromptu hearing Friday, without a court stenographer, in which he addressed the affidavits from Trump and his lawyers and ruled to keep the contempt fine in place.

Runyeon, one of the few members of the news media to attend the unadvertised hearing, reported that Engoron was insistent that Trump provide the "who, when, where, what" of his search, with the judge asking at one point: "Where did he keep files? I assume it wasn't all in his head."

Trump is also challenging Engoron's Feb. 17 ruling requiring that he answer questions under oath. Oral arguments in that appeal are scheduled for May 11.

Beheadings sentencing: A British national who played a key hole in a scheme by the Islamic State to kidnap and kill Western hostages a decade ago has been sentenced to life in prison.

Alexanda Kotey was one of several British captors known as "the Beatles" by their captives because of their accents.

The life sentence imposed Friday was automatic under the plea deal he made last year. But it does allow the possibility he can serve the remainder of his sentence in Great Britain after 15 years.

The hostage-taking scheme resulted in the deaths of four Americans, three of whom were beheaded. Family members tearfully described the impact of Kotey's crimes at the hearing.

Kotey wrote a letter to the court expressing ambivalence about his conduct.



Bridge for the brave: People walk on the newly opened Bach Long glass-bottomed bridge Friday in northwest Vietnam's Son La province. The nearly half-mile span, featuring three layers of tempered glass, is suspended almost 500 feet over a lush gorge. An official hopes the bridge will help spur tourism in the province's Moc Chau district. **NHAC NGUYEN/GETTY-AFP**

Afghanistan explosion: An explosion ripped through a mosque in the Afghan capital of Kabul on Friday, killing at least 10 people and wounding as many as 30, a Taliban spokesman said.

Hundreds of worshippers had gathered for prayers on the last Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and the Khalifa Aga Gul Jan Mosque was packed, said local residents, fearing the casualty toll could rise further.

The Taliban-appointed interior ministry spokesman, Mohammad Nafi Takor, could not provide more details and Taliban security men cordoned off the area.

The source of the explosion was not immediately known and no one has claimed responsibility for the blast.

The United Nations condemned the explosion, describing it as "heinous" and "yet another painful blow to the people of Afghanistan."

Ex-lawmaker guilty: A former Idaho lawmaker was convicted Friday of raping a 19-year-old legislative intern after a dramatic trial in which the young woman fled the witness stand during testimony, saying "I can't do this."

The intern told a Statehouse supervisor that Aaron von Ehlinger raped her at his apartment after the two had dinner at a Boise restaurant in March 2021. Von Ehlinger said the sex was consensual.

At the time, the Lewiston Republican was serving as state representative, but he later resigned.

Von Ehlinger, 39, was found guilty Friday of rape. He was found not guilty of sexual penetration with a foreign object.

A felony rape conviction carries a minimum sentence of one year in prison in Idaho. The maximum penalty can be as high as life in prison, at the judge's discretion.

Sentencing has been scheduled for July 28.

COVID-19 shots: The Food and Drug Administration on Friday set tentative dates in June to publicly review COVID-19 vaccines for the youngest American children, a step that is typically the final one before authorizing the shots.

The FDA said it plans to convene its outside panel of vaccine experts on June 8, 21 and 22 to review applications from Moderna and Pfizer for child vaccines. The dates are not final and the FDA said it will provide more details as each company completes its application.

Currently, only children ages 5 or older can be vaccinated in the U.S. with Pfizer's vaccine, leaving 18 million younger tots unprotected.

The FDA also set a June 7 meeting to review Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine for adults. The Maryland-based company's shots are authorized in Europe and elsewhere but have been delayed by production problems.

Sri Lanka crisis: Sri Lanka's president has agreed to replace his older brother as prime minister in a proposed interim government to solve a political impasse caused by the country's worst economic crisis in decades, a lawmaker said Friday.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa agreed that a national council will be appointed to name a new prime minister and Cabinet comprised of all parties in Parliament, lawmaker Maithripala Sirisena said after meeting with the president.

Sirisena, who was president before Rajapaksa, was a governing party lawmaker before defecting this month with nearly 40 other legislators.

Sri Lanka is near bankruptcy and has announced it is suspending payments on its foreign loans until it negotiates a rescue plan with the International Monetary Fund. It has to repay $7 billion in foreign debt this year, and $25 billion by 2026.



The H5N1 strain of bird flu has spread among U.S. poultry flocks this year. A Colorado prison inmate tested positive for the bird flu, according to officials. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP 2015**

Officials confirm first human bird flu infection in Colorado

By David Pitt
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A Colorado prison inmate has tested positive for bird flu in the first recent confirmed case of a human infected with the disease that has resulted in the deaths of millions of chickens and turkeys, but federal officials say they still see little threat to the general public.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday evening that the man who tested positive had been in a pre-release program and was helping to remove chickens from an infected farm.

The man, who was under age 40, reported fatigue for a few days but has since recovered, state health and CDC officials said in a statement.

The man was isolated and is being treated with an antiviral drug. Other people involved in the bird removal operation in Colorado have tested negative, but they are being retested out of an abundance of caution.

"The inmate was part of a prison work crew composed of inmates nearing release which had been working at the farm before a case of bird flu was confirmed there on April 19," said Lisa Wiley, a spokeswoman for the Colorado Department of Corrections.

When bird flu was detected at the farm in Montrose County, the inmates were asked to help in the process of killing and removing the birds.

Agriculture officials have reported an outbreak on one Montrose County farm with 58,000 broiler breeder chickens.

Despite the infection, the CDC considers the threat to the general public to be low because spread of the virus to people requires close contact with an infected bird.

Signals that could raise the public health risk might include multiple reports of virus infections in people from exposure to birds, or identification of spread from one infected person to a close contact. The CDC also is monitoring the bird flu virus for genetic changes, which could indicate the virus is adapting to spread more readily from birds to people or other mammals.

The current strain of bird flu, dubbed H5N1, has been spreading among backyard and commercial chicken and turkey flocks in the U.S. since late February. Viruses have been found in U.S. commercial and backyard birds in 29 states and in wild birds in 34 states.

Over 35 million chickens and turkeys have been killed and removed to avoid spread, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported. The CDC said it has tracked the health of more than 2,500 people who have been exposed to H5N1 virus-infected birds but that this was the only confirmed case to date.

The CDC said it was possible the man only had the virus present in his nose but that his body was not infected. Colorado health officials say repeat testing on the man was negative for influenza. A nasal swab positive test result meets the agency's criteria for considering it an infection.

"The appropriate public health response at this time is to assume this is an infection and take actions to contain and treat," the CDC said.

Trump election probe in Ga. will seat special grand jury

By Kate Brumback
Associated Press



Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis confirmed her team is looking into former President Donald Trump 's call to a state official to "find" additional votes. **JOHN BAZEMORE/AP**

ATLANTA — When potential grand jurors show up at an Atlanta courthouse Monday, they'll find a television camera in the room and streets closed outside — nods to the intense public interest in the investigation into whether former President Donald Trump and others illegally tried to pressure Georgia officials to overturn Joe Biden's presidential election victory in the state.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis has taken the unusual step of requesting a special grand jury for the investigation, and the selection of that panel begins Monday.

The seating of a grand jury — even a rare special grand jury — is a routine process that's generally of little interest to the public. But the appetite for any news about this case has prompted the court to make accommodations for at least parts of the grand jury selection to be broadcast to the public.

Although there will be cameras in the room, they won't be allowed to show potential grand jurors.

The investigation into potential attempts to influence the 2020 general election in Georgia began early last year. Willis asked the chief judge of the county superior court in January to impanel a special grand jury.

She wrote in a letter that her office had information indicating a "reasonable probability" of "possible criminal disruptions" to the administration of that election.

The chief judge's order says the special grand jury is to be seated for a period of up to a year, beginning Monday. Unlike a regular grand jury, which hears many different cases and can issue indictments, a special grand jury focuses on investigating a single topic and produces a report on its findings. The district attorney then decides whether to seek an indictment from a regular grand jury.

Former Gwinnett County District Attorney Danny Porter, who convened a special grand jury roughly 15 years ago, said the process for seating a special grand jury is pretty much the same as seating a regular grand jury.

It's made up of between 16 and 23 people who are summoned from the county master jury list.

The judge will make sure the potential grand jurors are qualified — over 18, residents of Fulton County and haven't been convicted of a felony — and then will hear from people who want to be excused for one reason or another.

Unlike jury selection for a trial, where there are two sets of lawyers trying to ferret out biases and prejudices, there's no defense attorney in this process because no one has been charged yet.

Anyone who tunes in to watch shouldn't expect to hear potential grand jurors questioned extensively about their political leanings or their opinions on Trump.

"There's no excuses for bias or prejudice," Porter said. "In this case, I would suspect if somebody came in wearing a MAGA hat, they would probably excuse them. But the inquiry into their prejudices or biases is very, very limited in selecting a grand jury."

Once the special grand jury is seated, the cameras will have to leave — all grand jury proceedings are secret. But Willis indicated in her letter to the chief judge that one reason she wanted a special grand jury is to issue subpoenas to witnesses who have refused to cooperate.

Willis has confirmed that her team is looking into a January 2021 phone call in which Trump pushed Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find" the votes needed for him to win the state. She has also said they're looking at a November 2020 phone call between U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Raffensperger, the abrupt resignation of the U.S. attorney in Atlanta on Jan. 4, 2021, and comments made during December 2020 Georgia legislative committee hearings on the election.

A Trump spokesman has previously dismissed the investigation as a politically motivated "witch hunt." Graham has also denied wrongdoing.

BUSINESS

Musk's China ties could lead to issues for Twitter

Tesla CEO's investments face risk if social media platform irks Communist Party

By Steven Lee Myers and Paul Mozur
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — When Elon Musk opened a Tesla factory in Shanghai in 2019, the Chinese government welcomed him with billions of dollars' worth of cheap land, loans, tax breaks and subsidies. "I really think China is the future," Musk cheered.

Tesla's road since then has been lucrative, with a quarter of the company's revenue in 2021 coming from China, but not without problems. The firm faced a consumer and regulatory revolt in China last year over manufacturing flaws.

With his deal to take over Twitter, Musk's ties to China are about to get even more fraught.

Like all foreign investors in China, he operates Tesla at the pleasure of the Chinese authorities, who have shown a willingness to influence or punish companies that cross political red lines. Even Apple, the world's most valuable company, has given in to Chinese demands, including censoring its App Store.

Musk's extensive investments in China could be at risk if Twitter upsets the Communist Party state, which has banned the platform at home but used it extensively to push Beijing's foreign policy around the globe — often with false or misleading information.

At the same time, China now has a sympathetic investor who is taking control of one of the world's most influential megaphones. Musk said nothing publicly, for example, when authorities in Shanghai shut down Tesla's plant as part of the citywide effort to control the latest COVID-19 outbreak, even after lambasting officials in Alameda County, California, for a similar step when the pandemic began in 2020.

"It's concerning to think about what could be a conflict of interests in these situations, looking at disinformation that could come out of China," said Jessica Maddox, an assistant professor of digital media technology at the University of Alabama. "How would he, as now an owner of this company, handle that since all of his investments are tied up there, or most of them?"

Even Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon and one of Musk's biggest rivals in tech, space and now media, weighed in — on Twitter — to question China's potential sway over the platform. "Did the Chinese government just gain a bit of leverage over the town square?" Bezos wrote.

Musk has not detailed his plans for changing Twitter except to promise to free it up as a platform for free speech, while banning bots and artificial accounts that populate its user base.

Even that simple pledge on bots could irk China's propagandists, who have openly bought fake accounts and used them to undercut claims of human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

As Twitter's new owner, Musk may well face Chinese government pressure on several issues. They include not only demands from authorities to censor information online even outside China's Great Firewall — descriptions of Taiwan as anything but a province of China, for example — but also the arrests of Twitter users in China.



Employees at Overcast Innovations work on ceiling appliances in Spokane Valley, Washington. **MARGARET ALBAUGH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Ready-made problem solvers

Prefabricated parts being used to help developers fight global supply chain issues

By Julie Weed
The New York Times

When Deryl McKissack, the chief executive of the design and construction firm McKissack & McKissack in Washington, heard that electrical switch gear needed for the new Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport terminal was delayed because of supply chain issues, she knew the project would not come to a halt.

Thanks to a plan to build components requiring the gear off site for installation at the terminal later, a concept known as prefabrication, construction would proceed on schedule.

Working in parallel rather than sequentially "saved the project about six months' time," McKissack said.

Under conventional methods, basic materials are transported to a construction site, where they are assembled in a specific order. The prefabrication of parts like walls and staircases had been gaining momentum before the pandemic as a way to save money and time.

Now, shortages caused by global supply chain delays are accelerating the trend because building off site can prevent problems in one area from cascading through the whole project.

Factory prefabrication offers a more controlled environment, the opportunity to order parts more cheaply in bulk and the ability to gather workers with specific skills in one place with a consistent schedule. The specialist-made approach makes production faster and more precise, and technological advances have made it possible to create a variety of building elements like entire bathrooms with toilets and sinks and million-dollar HVAC and plumbing modules.

Prefabrication methods have long been used in the construction industry, but there are drawbacks, including high transportation costs and the public perception that the result can look homogenized. And there are other challenges, McKissack said. Planning and organization have to be done further in advance and must be more precise. It can be hard to finish the process on a construction site if adjustments have to be made.

But the benefits of prefabrication have become more apparent when the coronavirus pandemic and soaring inflation have snarled supply chains around the world, and a shortage of skilled workers has left manufacturers struggling to keep up with growing demand, said Alfonso Medina, CEO of the Madelon Group, a developer in the New York City borough of Brooklyn.

Standardization makes construction less expensive and more predictable, he said, adding that without it, "every time you build a building you are reinventing the wheel."

Components built off site are typically complicated to make but straightforward to transport. For example, Overcast Innovations, a Seattle startup, manufactures ceiling appliances in a factory, then ships them to construction sites for installation. Making the rectangular panels can require expertise in up to 15 specialties, including electrical, plumbing, HVAC, lighting, internet and sensor devices, said Matt Wegworth, the company's managing director.

"Buildings are getting more complicated all the time, and we want to see which parts we can deliver more efficiently," he said.

Prefabrication also reduces waste created at a construction site because extra materials such as copper piping, electric wires or steel framing components can be used for other clients. At a site, it may not be cost-effective to return extra materials.

Exxon profits surge despite exit from Russia

By Cathy Bussewitz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Exxon Mobil reported $5.48 billion in profits during the first quarter as oil and gas prices rose steadily, more than doubling its profits compared with the same quarter last year.

But the oil giant took a huge hit as it abandoned its Russian operations due to the war, writing down $3.4 billion.

Including that loss, the oil giant reported profits of $1.28 per share Friday, which was well below expectations of analysts polled by Factset, who were looking for $2.23 per share.

Revenue at the Irving, Texas, company was $90.5 billion, which far exceeded the $59.15 billion in revenue during the same quarter a year ago.

The price of oil climbed steadily during the first quarter after Russia invaded Ukraine, sending European countries which rely heavily on Russia for energy and others scrambling to find alternative sources for fuel. A barrel of the U.S. benchmark crude rose from $76 to nearly $130 per barrel before ending the quarter at $100, and drivers were filling up with increasingly expensive gasoline.

Natural gas prices rose too, climbing from $3.50 per million British thermal units to about $5.60, inflating home heating bills and electricity prices.

As energy prices rose, Exxon's stock price also was rising. The company announced Friday it's expanding a program to repurchase its own stock, telling investors that Exxon could buy back up to $30 billion worth of its shares through 2023. It repurchased shares totaling $2.1 billion during the quarter, shelling out cash to investors as its stock price rose.

Also on Friday, Chevron reported a quarterly profit $6.26 billion, more than four times its earnings in the same period last year. On a per-share basis, profits from the San Ramon, California-based energy producer were a nickel short of Wall Street expectations, according to a survey by Factset, but Chevron does not adjust its reported results based on one-time events such as asset sales. And revenue surged 41% to $54.37 billion.

Eurozone hits another record high for inflation

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Inflation hit a record in April for the 19 countries that use the euro as skyrocketing fuel prices boosted by the war in Ukraine weigh on the region's economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

Annual inflation reached 7.5% for the month, topping the old record of 7.4% from March, statistics agency Eurostat said Friday. The April figure was the sixth consecutive record reported for the eurozone.

Eurostat said energy prices jumped 38%, an indication of how Russia's invasion of Ukraine is affecting the eurozone's 343 million people. The jump in European prices reflects some of the same factors that pushed U.S. annual inflation to 8.5% in March, the highest since 1981.

Fears that the war may lead to an interruption of oil or gas supplies from Russia, the world's largest oil exporter, have pushed up prices for oil and natural gas. The uncertainty comes on top of rebounding global demand during the recovery from the pandemic and a cautious approach to increasing production from oil cartel OPEC and allied countries, including Russia.

Bottlenecks in supplies of raw materials and parts have also contributed to higher prices.

Governments as well as households are feeling the effects of high inflation. Germany is dropping a charge for supporting renewable energy on electric bills, saving a family of four around $317 a year. Germany's IG Metall industrial union is proposing an 8.2% annual increase for the country's steelworkers going into wage talks.

French right-wing leader Marine Le Pen made inflation a key issue in her unsuccessful challenge to President Emmanuel Macron in France's presidential election this month.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Google expands privacy options

Google has expanded options for keeping personal information private from online searches.

The company said Friday it will let people request that more types of content such as personal contact information like phone numbers, email and physical addresses be removed from search results.

The new policy also allows the removal of other information that may pose a risk for identity theft, such as confidential log-in credentials.

The company said in a statement that open access to information is vital, "but so is empowering people with the tools they need to protect themselves and keep their sensitive, personally identifiable information private."

Redfin settles housing bias suit

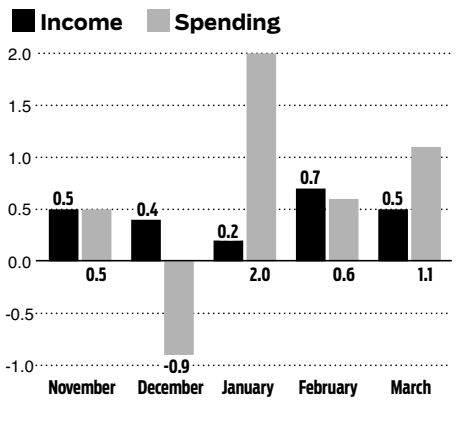
Fair housing advocates on Friday announced a settlement agreement to resolve a lawsuit against real estate brokerage Redfin.

Under the agreement, Seattle-based Redfin will change its minimum housing price policy, alter other practices, and pay $4 million to settle the suit brought against it by the National Fair Housing Alliance and nine other fair housing organizations in 2020.

The lawsuit alleged Redfin's minimum home price policy violated the Fair Housing Act by discriminating against sellers and buyers of homes in communities of color by not offering services in non-white ZIP codes at a disproportionately higher rate than in white ZIP codes in several cities including Baltimore, Chicago and Philadelphia.

Personal income and spending

Percent change from preceding month



SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis TNS

BUSINESS



A study published Wednesday in the journal Nature says if you want to brainstorm during a meeting, it's better to work in person than over remote video conferencing. **THE GOOD BRIGADE**

Brainstorming dampened in video meetings, study shows

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

Video meetings dampen brainstorming because we are so hyper-focused on the face in that box that we don't let our eyes and minds wander as much, a new study found.

Staring isn't good for creativity. While it's rude to stare at someone in real life, it's expected when on a video call, researchers said.

When it comes to evaluating those new ideas, though, that focus, at least in one-on-one chats, seems to make remote meetings slightly better than in-person chats, Wednesday's study in the journal Nature said.

Researchers watched 745 pairs of engineers in five different countries try to come up with creative ideas for using a Frisbee or bubble wrap. Those in the same room generated on average one more idea, which is about 17% more than those in remote meetings. And those in-person ideas were judged by outside experts to be more creative, the study found.

Study author Melanie Brucks, an applied psychology professor at Columbia University's business school, said it was the outcome she expected — but not the reason she expected.

At first she figured it had to be the social and physical distance — maybe the two people just didn't connect as well or people didn't know who speaks when. But several different tests for social connectedness found that the remote meeting pairs were connecting with each other in the same way as people in the same room.

Then the eyes gave it away. When Brucks tracked eye movement she found that people in the same room gazed away more often, looked around. But the remote meeting pairs didn't.

"They were too focused on specifically the task at hand and that made them narrower in their thinking," Brucks said — in an interview over Zoom.

This makes sense because faces draw our focus, said Georgetown University psychology professor Adam Green, who wasn't part of the research.

"Faces really matter to our brains and we devote a lot of attention to looking at faces," said Green, president of the Society for the Neuroscience of Creativity. "When we are with someone in person, it is not considered polite to stare directly at their face for an extended period of time."

Remote meetings work otherwise, Brucks said.

"It's not that Zoom's bad, everything's worse. It seems like (the problem) is unique to the more generative, creative process," Brucks said.

When it was time to evaluate those options, the remote meeting engineers picked out the better choice — as judged by a team of outside experts — slightly more than those in person, the study found.

The experiment started before the pandemic and was done using WebEx with one company in offices in Portugal, Israel, Finland, Hungary and India. The results were about the same across the different locations.

"When I brainstorm now on Zoom, I turn off my camera," Brucks said, noting it's no different than talking on the telephone.

Disney's government in dark on effects of dissolution law

By Mike Schneider and Anthony Izaguirre
Associated Press



Visitors' vehicles crowd the entrance to Walt Disney World in Orlando. Fla. Gov. Ron DeSantis has signed a law dissolving the attraction's private government. **OCTAVIO JONES/GETTY**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — At the first meeting this week of Walt Disney World's private government since Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law a measure to dissolve it next year, officials said they were still confused about what the new legislation meant, even as some ripple effects were starting to be felt.

The administrator of the government, called the Reedy Creek Improvement District, said the expansion of a solar power project could be delayed because of financing challenges linked to the legislation, and the union for the district's firefighters expressed concerns about what the dissolution might mean for members' lifetime benefits.

After the meeting Wednesday, Donald Greer, who has been a member of Reedy Creek's board of supervisors since 1975, said the board could not provide clear answers on those issues because "we don't know where we are going."

"The district may have a response as soon as we know what it means, but I don't know if anybody knows what it means. I don't think anyone has deciphered it," Greer said.

DeSantis signed the measure into law last week in a move many saw as punishment for Disney's opposition to another new law barring gender identity and sexual orientation instruction in early grade school, which critics call "Don't Say Gay." It was the latest front in a culture war DeSantis has waged over policies involving race, gender and the coronavirus, battles he has harnessed to make himself one of the most popular Republicans in the country and a likely 2024 presidential candidate.

Last week, a day before DeSantis signed the bill into law, the Reedy Creek Improvement District sent a statement to investors that said it would continue its financial operations as usual.

The district also wrote that its agreement with the state forbids Florida from limiting or altering the district's ability to collect taxes or fulfill its bond obligations.

Critics of the dissolution bill have warned that taxpayers in neighboring counties could end up shouldering about $1 billion in debts from the district. DeSantis has dismissed those concerns and said additional legislation would be drafted to clarify the future of such special districts in the state.

At the Reedy Creek meeting Wednesday, district administrator John Classe said a developer has experienced challenges financing a planned expansion of a solar power program, meaning it could be delayed.

Jon Shirey, the head of the union for Reedy Creek's firefighters, who make up around half of the private government's 400 employees, asked supervisors to give his members reassurances that their jobs and benefits would be preserved since they have been kept in the dark about what the effect is going to be. The firefighters, particularly retirees, are worried about losing their guaranteed lifetime health insurance, he said.

"We have been told to stay quiet, don't talk to the media, don't engage with current events," Shirey told supervisors. "We have been told the leadership of the district will tell the story. They will be the ones putting out the message. I ask you, 'What is that message?'"

The supervisors did not respond, and in fact spent little time devoted to the legislation which poses an existential threat to the 55-year-old Reedy Creek Improvement District. Classe told supervisors its workers would continue to function with the same "high standards and professionalism they always have done as we learn what this legally means."

Backers of the dissolution of Reedy Creek have argued it removes an unfair advantage the entertainment giant has over other theme parks, including allowing it to issue bonds and set its own zoning standards.

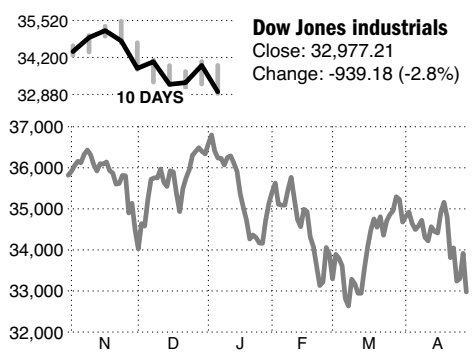
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Saturday, April 30, 2022

DOW 32,977.21 -939.18

10-YR T-BOND 2.88% +.03

GOLD $1,909.30 +20.60



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 32,977.21
Change: -939.18 (-2.8%)

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,977.21	-939.18	-9.25%
DOW Trans.	14,865.06	-459.07	-9.79%
DOW Util.	999.90	-30.82	+1.95%
NYSE Comp.	15,615.25	-417.43	-9.02%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,334.64	-536.89	-21.16%
S&P 500	4,131.93	-155.57	-13.31%
S&P 400	2,500.26	-69.85	-12.02%
Wilshire 5000	41,343.97	-1,534.31	-14.69%
Russell 2000	1,864.10	-53.84	-16.98%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	104.69	105.36	+39.20%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.24	6.89	+94.21%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.46	3.50	+55.41%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,909.30	1,888.70	+4.48%
Silver (oz)	23.04	23.13	-1.23%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.2598	.7938
Canada	.7792	1.2833
China	.1513	6.6085
Euro	1.0568	.9463
Japan	.007725	129.46
Mexico	.049144	20.3484

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	3.50	3.50
3-mo. T-Bill	0.84	0.83
6-mo. T-Bill	1.40	1.33
5-yr T-Note	2.92	2.94
10-yr T-Note	2.89	2.90
30-yr T-Bond	2.96	2.94

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	14,097.88	+118.04	+.84%	-11.25%
London	7,544.55	+35.36	+.47%	+2.17%
Hong Kong	21,089.39	+813.22	+4.01%	-9.87%
Nikkei	26,847.90	+461.27	+1.75%	-6.75%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AT&T Inc (T)	18.86	-.56	-23.3
AbbVie Inc (ABBV)	146.88	-9.43	+8.5
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	85.52	-4.12	-40.6
Amphenol Corp (APH)	71.50	-2.05	-18.2
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.42	-.20	-17.9
Apple Inc (AAPL)	157.65	-5.99	-11.2
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.35	-.94	-11.1
Bank of America (BAC)	35.68	-1.13	-19.8
Barnes Group (B)	33.58	-2.77	-27.9
BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE)	.40	-.00	-66.1
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2210.31	-107.49	-7.9
Borqs Technologies (BRQS)	.34	-.01	-8.6
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.27	-1.93	+20.7
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	96.13	-4.72	-6.8
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	38.27	-1.14	-29.4
Charter Communic (CHTR)	428.49	-33.00	-34.3
Cigna Corp (CI)	246.78	-7.46	+7.5
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	39.76	-1.94	-21.0
Cyngn Inc (CYN)	5.52	+1.59	+22.7
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	1.88	+.07	-62.2
Disney (DIS)	111.63	-3.66	-27.9
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	106.48	+1.09	-16.4
Ethan Allen (ETD)	23.74	-3.22	-9.7
Eversource Energy (ES)	87.40	-2.80	-3.9
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	85.25	-1.95	+39.3
Finch Therapeutics (FNCH)	2.53	+.43	-74.6
Ford Motor (F)	14.16	-.46	-31.8
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.08	-.14	-21.5
Gen Dynamics (GD)	236.53	-4.67	+13.5
Gen Electric (GE)	74.55	-3.18	-21.1
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	69.93	-1.34	+1.3
Honeywell Intl (HON)	193.51	+3.59	-7.2
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.73	-.39	-20.0
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.87	-.63	-21.5
Intel Corp (INTC)	43.59	-3.25	-15.4
Kaman (KAMN)	39.01	-1.66	-9.6
Keycorp (KEY)	19.31	-.72	-16.5
Kinder Morgan Inc (KMI)	18.15	-.38	+14.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	60.15	-2.56	-11.9
M&T Bank (MTB)	166.64	-4.67	+8.5
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	41.04	-1.07	-8.6
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	200.47	-5.26	-40.4
MetLife Inc (MET)	65.68	-2.09	+5.1
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	277.52	-12.11	-17.5
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.32	-.04	-74.8

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
Novartis AG (NVS)	88.03	-2.19	+.6
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	185.47	-12.35	-36.9
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	72.84	-3.23	-16.3
PG&E Corp (PCG)	12.65	-.28	+4.2
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	10.40	-.55	-42.9
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.07	-1.44	-16.9
Pinduoduo Inc ADS (PDD)	43.09	+5.14	-26.1
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	5.27	-.05	-20.5
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	108.51	-3.61	+.2
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	69.66	-1.49	+4.4
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	94.91	-3.17	+10.3
Redbox Entertainmnt (RDBX)	5.98	+2.45	-19.3
Robinhood Markets A (HOOD)	9.81	-.29	-44.8
Rogers Corp (ROG)	270.72	-1.78	-.8
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	64.66	-4.38	-21.1
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc (SIRI)	6.00	-.31	-5.5
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	28.46	-.35	-39.5
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	6.12	-.33	-61.3
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.50	+.13	+60.9
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	120.15	-6.98	-36.3
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.88	-.71	-5.8
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.47	-.04	-18.9
Teladoc Inc (TDOC)	33.76	+.25	-63.2
Terex Corp (TEX)	34.00	-.50	-22.6
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	870.76	-6.75	-17.6
Travelers Cos (TRV)	171.06	-3.44	+9.4
Twitter Inc (TWTR)	49.02	-.09	+13.4
United Rentals (URI)	316.52	-1.98	-4.7
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	508.55	-15.87	+1.3
VICI Properties (VICI)	29.81	-.83	-1.0
Vaxxinity Inc A (VAXX)	6.95	+3.18	+23.8
Verizon Comm (VZ)	46.30	-2.10	-10.9
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	177.16	-6.84	-40.4
Voya Financial (VOYA)	63.14	-2.02	-4.8
Webster Financial (WBS)	49.99	-1.25	-10.5
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	43.63	-1.54	-9.1
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1048.02	-23.91	+3.4
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	58.39	-2.26	+18.3
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	53.79	-2.26	-30.5
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.40	-.13	-23.1
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lamont's taxes pushing me out of state

Big shocker that the Democratic-controlled Legislature rubber-stamped Gov. Ned Lamont's giveaway to the state workers in an election year. But this is the same old, same old of giving away taxpayer money for the perceived problem du jour. State "leaders" think they can solve all of society's ills by throwing money at problems, while ignoring the reality that they are mortgaging the future of our grandchildren.

Hopefully, Ned Lamont and Joe Biden will walk hand-in-hand to the unemployment line after their respective elections. As for me: I will vote with my feet and retire to a place where the tax climate is more conducive to sanity. Will the last broke Connecticut taxpayer please remember to turn out the lights when they leave the state.

Anthony Santacroce, Burlington

No president — or person — is above the law

Republicans and Democrats should be able to agree that no president, regardless of party, should be able to obstruct and undermine the will of the American people or exploit weaknesses in our political system for personal gain. That's where the Protecting Our Democracy Act comes in. It would prevent abuse of presidential power and corruption, increase transparency and ensure presidents of either party will be held accountable. Strengthening the guardrails on presidential power is just common sense. If the average person used their office for personal gain, they'd go to jail. If the average person could pardon themselves, there would be no rule of law. No president should be above the law.

Katherine Porter Southworth, Essex

Protect our youth

Katherine Semyanko's op-ed on April 16 regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana was right on target [Opinion, Page 8, "In legalizing pot, has state done enough to protect our youths?"]. The substantial physical and psychological risks of smoking pot far outweigh any temporary benefit. Surely, our legislators and Gov. Ned Lamont must have been aware of these risks before passing such legislation. For the potential of a few additional tax dollars, our politicians have jeopardized the well-being of our youth. I hope voters keep this in mind at the next election.

Paul Vozzella, Niantic

Lazor's practice in no way mirrors UConn Health

Lawrence Lazor's April 19 op-ed "It's time to reform our health care system" doesn't address "our health care system," but only one of many health care systems in the state. Citing health care finance experience based on his private, single-specialty practice is not a comparable experience to managing a large multispecialty institution like UConn Health. Dr. Lazor opines "the problem at UConn Health is inherent in its structure as a publicly operated institution." As a UConn School of Medicine alumnus, he knows it's more than a medical school and hospital. It has a dental school, postgraduate bioscience school, research center, library, facilities center to provide for all needed support and repair services, public safety division, a multispecialty medical and surgical physician practice and outpatient care facility. His practice didn't provide these multiple services. His management experience isn't the same. As a public institution UConn Health must provide medical care for all patients presenting for care.

Dr. Lazor's op-ed lacked meaningful reform for "our health care system." If he doesn't acknowledge differences in the financial management of his practice vs. that of a larger health care entity, how can he understand and represent the complex issues of this state in the national arena?

Winston A. Campbell, Bloomfield

The writer is a professor emeritus at the UConn School of Medicine

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OP-ED

New polling finds widespread support for curbing Big Tech's power over news and publishing

By Douglas Schoen

Thousands of local papers have shuttered their doors in recent years, and those surviving are facing unprecedented challenges in remaining both economically viable and as the lifeblood of their communities.

All the while, Big Tech monopolies like Alphabet and Meta — through sites like Google News and Facebook News — have come to dominate the news and publishing industries by expropriating the work of smaller and local operators via their news aggregator sites.

The Founding Fathers enshrined protections for a press free from government regulation in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution because a free and diverse press is the backbone of a healthy and vibrant republic. But the Founders could not have envisioned a future in which nearly all news and information would be controlled by just a handful of private entities.

This is not only blatantly unfair — it is a threat to the free press, and thus, to democracy itself.

The American people not only understand the severity of this threat, but moreover, are united on the need to curb Big Tech's undue power and unjust profiteering in the news and publishing industries.

New polling by Schoen-Cooperman Research — which was conducted among a representative sample of U.S. adults, and commissioned by News Media Alliance — reveals widespread public concern over Big Tech's outsized influence with respect to news and publishing, as well as broad-based support for Congress taking action to rein in these monopolies.

Indeed, roughly 4-in-5 Americans are concerned that Big Tech companies have too much power over the news and publishing industries (79%), manipulate these industries for their own gain (78%), and are driving small and local news outlets out of business (76%).

Further, approximately three-quarters of the public agrees that "Big Tech's monopoly over the news and publishing industries is a threat to the free press and unfair to publishers, especially to small and local outlets." (76%)

In addition to being broadly concerned about this problem, the American public wants change, and is looking to their elected leaders in Washington, D.C. to deliver.

Roughly 4-in-5 Americans agree with statements to this effect, including "I support Congress taking steps to give small and local publishers more power in negotiations with Big Tech companies" (81%) as well as "Congress needs to rein in Big Tech by passing reforms that would make the publishing industry fairer for smaller media entities and local operators" (77%).

In terms of specific reforms, our survey measured public support for a specific bill that was introduced this year known as the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA). This is a bipartisan proposal that would allow news publishers to negotiate, under the authority of a federal intermediary, fair terms for use of their content by Big Tech companies.

Remarkably, after reading a brief description of the JCPA, strong majorities of Americans support Congress passing the JCPA (70%) and believe it is important for Congress to pass the JCPA (64%).

Respondents also indicated that a political candidate's support for the JCPA — or lack thereof — would impact their vote in an election. By a four-to-one margin, U.S. adults would be more likely, rather than less likely, to back a candidate for Congress who supported the JCPA.

Additionally, 7-in-10 Americans agree that "elected officials who oppose the JCPA are allowing Big Tech companies to continue manipulating the news and publishing industries for their own gain, leaving small and local publishers powerless." (69%)

In addition to being supportive of the JCPA, the public broadly favors general reforms to this effect. Strong majorities support Congress passing laws that would allow news publishers to band together to collectively negotiate fairer terms for use of content by Big Tech (71%) and increase regulations on Big Tech in order to curb their power over the news and publishing industries (57%).

And by roughly a three-to-one margin, Americans would be more likely, rather than less likely, to back political candidates who support both reforms.

Over the last two decades, though the world of news and information has changed dramatically with the expansion of Big Tech, the United States' anti-trust and anti-monopoly laws have not changed with it.

Congress now has a mandate from the American public to rein in Big Tech and pursue long overdue reforms that will safeguard local journalism's survival — and ultimately, will make the news industry fairer, freer, and more democratic.

On a personal note, in my experience as a professional pollster who has worked in the industry for more than forty years, it is rare for an issue or piece of legislation to garner this level of broad-based and enthusiastic public support.

Elected officials from both parties have a unique opportunity to deliver on reforms that are both substantively important and political viable — by advancing the JCPA, or a similar version of the bill —which our data indicates would have a demonstrably positive electoral impact for these members.

If America is to have a news industry that is truly free and fair, we must stop allowing Big Tech companies to expropriate the work of smaller and local publishers without consequence. Congress can start by passing legislation like the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act into law.

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An American volunteer teaches Ukrainian soldiers how to use a Javelin anti-tank missile system at a base outside of Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine.
LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

OP-ED

Our commitment to Ukraine will be tested; Americans must stay strong

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Many of us could not have identified the Ukrainian flag two months ago. Now it flies everywhere in the United States — in front of homes and stores; at construction sites, churches and sports events. We thrill to voices singing the Ukrainian national anthem, even though we don't understand a word.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is a hero across our political parties, something of a miracle at a time when they agree on little else. But in the coming months, the depth of our commitment to Ukraine will be tested.

While the widespread solidarity with a people under siege is a refreshing break from cynicism and division, it's easy to fly a flag and swoon over a fluent and courageous leader. It's harder to stick with a commitment that will entail spending billions of dollars on behalf of a faraway people.

Inevitably, some share of Americans will express sentiments that always arise about engagements abroad, even when no U.S. troops are involved: Why are we sending money to Kyiv and Odessa instead of Kansas City and Omaha?

The question should be taken seriously, and leaders of both parties will have to join in answering it convincingly. Remember how bipartisan support for the Marshall Plan after World War II was critical to its success. We and our allies must keep faith with Ukraine, even if the cost is high. The price of Russian success in subjugating Ukraine would be even higher, not only to Ukrainians but also to democratic countries everywhere. Aggression cannot be rewarded.

It is sobering to realize that success in Ukraine will require bogging down the Russian army in a grinding fight that could last many months — a cross, as one U.S. official said, between World War I and World War II. This would certainly be a well-deserved comeuppance to Vladimir Putin, and it is now the policy of the United States to make Putin pay a very high price for his unconscionable war.

"We want to see Russia weakened to the degree that it can't do the kinds of things that it has done in invading Ukraine," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Monday after he and Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Ukrainian leaders in Kyiv.

The next day in Germany, Austin opened a meeting of defense officials from more than 40 countries allied with Ukraine with a statement that would have been astonishing at the outset of the conflict, given conventional perceptions of Russia's military power and Ukraine's relative weakness.

"We're here to help Ukraine win the fight against Russia's unjust invasion — and to build up Ukraine's defenses for tomorrow's challenges," Austin said. Especially significant was Germany's reversal of its earlier refusal to send heavy weapons to Ukraine. Christine Lambrecht, the German defense minister, announced that Berlin would permit the shipment of antiaircraft cannon tanks.

Ukraine will need more than weapons. A senior Biden administration official said that in addition to military aid, Ukraine seeks assistance to finance its government. A nation whose economy has been shattered by war requires help in maintaining the rudiments of public services.

Ukrainian authorities, the official said, estimate that for Ukraine to keep functioning, outside help might have to run as high as $5 billion a month. Military aid could represent a comparable amount.

NATO allies will also have to replace weaponry going to Ukraine from their own stockpiles. Austin spoke Tuesday of what the effort to help Ukraine "will take from our defense industrial bases" and the need to meet "our own requirements and those of our allies and partners."

The United States will not have to finance all of this alone. European nations are expected to cover roughly a third of the costs, and democratic allies elsewhere another third.

But by any calculation, U.S. expenditures will be large, and this will be a political challenge to those on the left and the right alike.

Progressives are wary of throwing money at the Pentagon. They rightly argue that advocates of high levels of military spending typically turn around and insist on stringency when it comes to domestic needs, especially those of the least advantaged. Conservatives are often wary of foreign aid. And when they back big defense budgets, they never seem willing to increase taxes to pay for what they say we need.

But in this moment of emergency for democracy, we must put aside our disharmony.

The truth is that the United States is wealthy enough to do right by both Kyiv and Kansas City — and standing up for Ukraine now is an investment in a more secure future. The cost of bolstering Ukraine today pales in comparison to the price of allowing Putin's treacherous adventure to succeed.

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May 2, 2022
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INVITATION TO SUBMIT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – #2022-12
3 ACRE RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Portland is accepting requests for proposals for 3 ACRE RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT, #2022-12, until 11:00 A.M. EST on September 13, 2022 to be received by the Finance Dept. located in Room 204, Portland Town Hall, 33 East Main Street/PO. Box 71, Portland, Connecticut 06480.

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The specifications for the Request for Proposals are available for pick up at the Finance Dept. Office, Room 204, Portland Town Hall, 33 East Main Street, Portland Connecticut 06480 during normal business hours, or may be requested by email addressed to trobinson@portlandct.org.

Any submittals received after the time and date set forth above shall be rejected. All submittals should be clearly marked - #2022-12 3 Acre Riverfront Redevelopment.

Submittals will be opened at the Town of Portland's convenience on or after the Request for Proposals due date. Note that all information submitted in response to the Request for Proposals is subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

The right is reserved by the Town of Portland to reject any or all submittals, to waive any informalities or defects in submittals, to obtain such supplemental information as may be necessary to review submittals and to accept the Request for Proposals that, in the judgment of the Town of Portland will be in the Town's best interests.

Town of Portland, CT
Submitted By: Tom Robinson, Director of Finance
Dated: April 30, 2022
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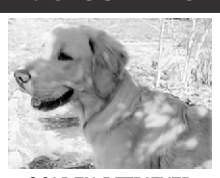
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Minerva H. Neiditz

*** Denotes name listing only.**
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Melville, Hyacinth (King)



Hyacinth May (King) Melville, 94, of Rocky Hill, wife of the late Calvin A. Melville, passed away on April 24, 2022, at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford. Born in New York, New York, she was the daughter of the late Rufus and Gertrude (Farr) King.
Hyacinth was raised in Jamaica, West Indies and was proud of her Jamaican heritage. She graduated from St. Andrew High School in Saint Andrew, Jamaica. She successfully completed a certification examination from the University of Cambridge earning the equivalent of an Associates Degree. Hyacinth returned to New York where she worked on Wall Street for several years before dedicating her life to raising her children and caring for her family. She was known for her keen intellect, curiosity, tenacity, sense of adventure, and style. Hyacinth was a kind spirit, always striving to give those she loved her best and help them to obtain the best that life had to offer. She will be sorely missed by her family, neighbors, and friends.
Hyacinth is survived by her son, Michael S. Melville (Nicole) of Holland, MA; two daughters, Katherine L. Melville of Palm Beach Garden, FL and Alice Melville Pollard (Bryan) of Middletown; four grandchildren, Ryan Melville (Val), Christopher Melville, Angela Pollard and Gregory Pollard; great grandson, Dorian Melville; sister, Carmen Yvonne Smith of Middletown; sister-in-law, Kathleen Fay King of Palm Bay, FL; numerous nephews and nieces; and many who hold her close in their hearts, especially Sue Melville of Woodstock and Patti Burns of Rocky Hill.
Along with her husband and parents, Hyacinth was predeceased by her brother Keith A. King.
Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 5th at 11:00 am at Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown. Burial will be private. Family and friends may call on Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the funeral home. Per the family, masks are required for all services. In lieu of flowers, donations in Hyacinth's memory may be made to Saint Vincent DePaul Place, P.O. Box 398, Middletown, CT 06457. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Mitchell , Barbara A.

Barbara Ann Mitchell, 68, of Storrs, CT passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Born in putnam, CT and raised in Eastford, CT. Daughter of the late Lloyd, Sr. and Grace Mitchell. She graduated from Woodstock Academy and the University of Connecticut. She worked as Head of ACCESS Services at the UCONN Library for over 40 years. She was an avid UCONN Husky and New York Giants fan.
She is survived by three brothers, Lloyd Mitchell of East Woodstock, CT, Dayle Mitchell and his wife Martha of Oxford, MA, Sherman Mitchell and his partner Nicole Sylvester of Dayville, CT, three sisters, Beverly Mitchell and her partner Nicholas Byrne of Vernon, CT, Grace Mominie and her husband Jan of Southbridge, MA, Shirley Verdone and her husband Mark of Cape Coral, FL, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Betty Mitchell. A Graveside service will take place at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Eastford Grove Cemetery (Route 198) Eastford, CT. Share a memory at Smithandwalkerfh.com

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Neiditz, Minerva H. (Heller)

Minerva Neiditz passed away peacefully Thursday night surrounded by loving family in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, having this month celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family, friends, loving caregivers and a mariachi band. Her joi de vivre never left her, even after the death of her dear son Rob, and along with her Kulander family in San Miguel, her son Jon was able to reunite with her there; she loved having him read poems to her; in her final weeks she favored Yeats, Kabir and of course Shakespeare. Her memoir was the story of "A Lucky Life," and she would want her friends and fellow travelers to know the story's happy ending.

Growing up over her father's grocery store, she developed a lifelong craving for learning, literature, life and chocolate. She was an extraordinary student at Smith College, and obtained her doctorate in English Literature. She published six books and taught writing and French to generations. Kurt Kulander and Jon are working on a seventh collection of her unpublished poetry, to be called "Lessons Learned."

She was predeceased by parents Isidor and Rebecca Heller, brother Milton Heller, son Robert and former husband David, and is survived by son Jonathan, his wife Anne Beidler and grandchildren Hannah and Elizabeth. In addition to a small ceremony in San Miguel, a memorial service on Zoom is planned.

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Yessian, Charles



Charles Yessian, 78, husband of Sandra (Ovitt) Yessian, passed away at his Newington home on Thursday, April 28, 2022.
Charles was born in New Britain on July 21, 1943, adopted by the Yessian family and was raised in New Britain, where he attended high school and worked in the city planning department after serving in the U.S. Navy from 1961 through 1964. He received his master's degree in social work at UConn and went on to an accomplished career with the Sheldon Community Guidance Clinic. After his retirement, he continued using that experience for over two decades to run support groups for those who shared his diagnosis of multiple sclerosis and was recognized as volunteer of the year by the MS Society, among numerous other awards.
He was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan, collector of wine and enjoyed swimming. He was a fixture in his neighborhood, where he was often seen walking his beloved dog, Brady. Besides his wife Sandra of 54 years, he leaves his three children Stephanie and her husband Todd Murphy, Christine and her husband Kevin Kuckel, Kevin Yessian, as well as by his five grandchildren, Devin, Judah, Adam, Danielle and Erin.
Family and friends are invited to the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave Newington, on Sunday from 2-5 pm. Services will begin on Monday, at 8:45 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington. He will be lovingly laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society @https://mymsaa.org. To share a memory with Charles family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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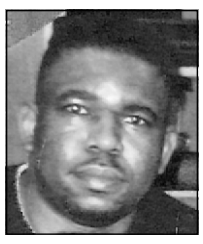
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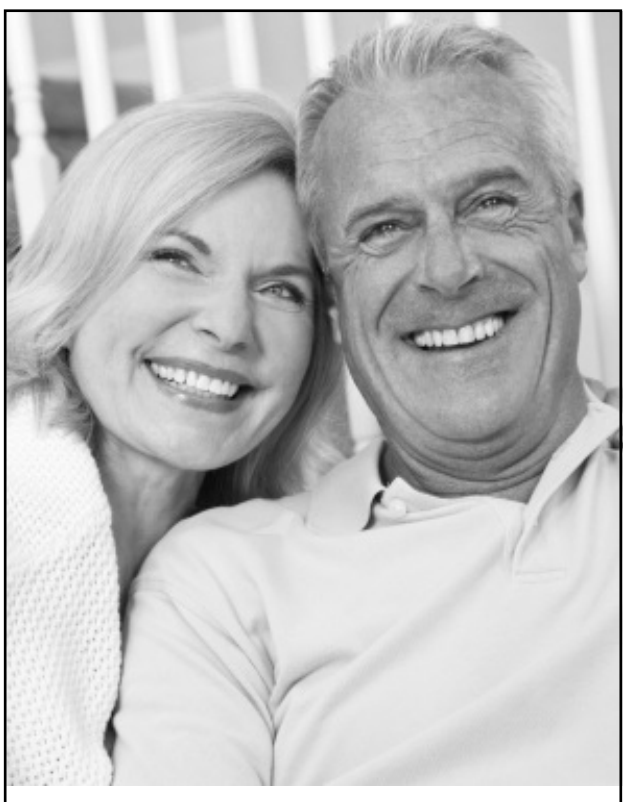
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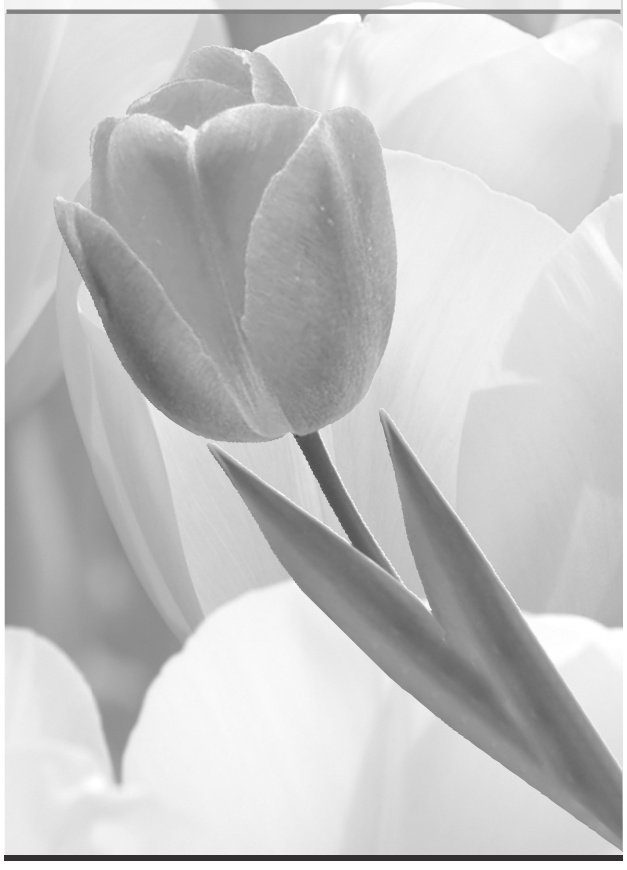
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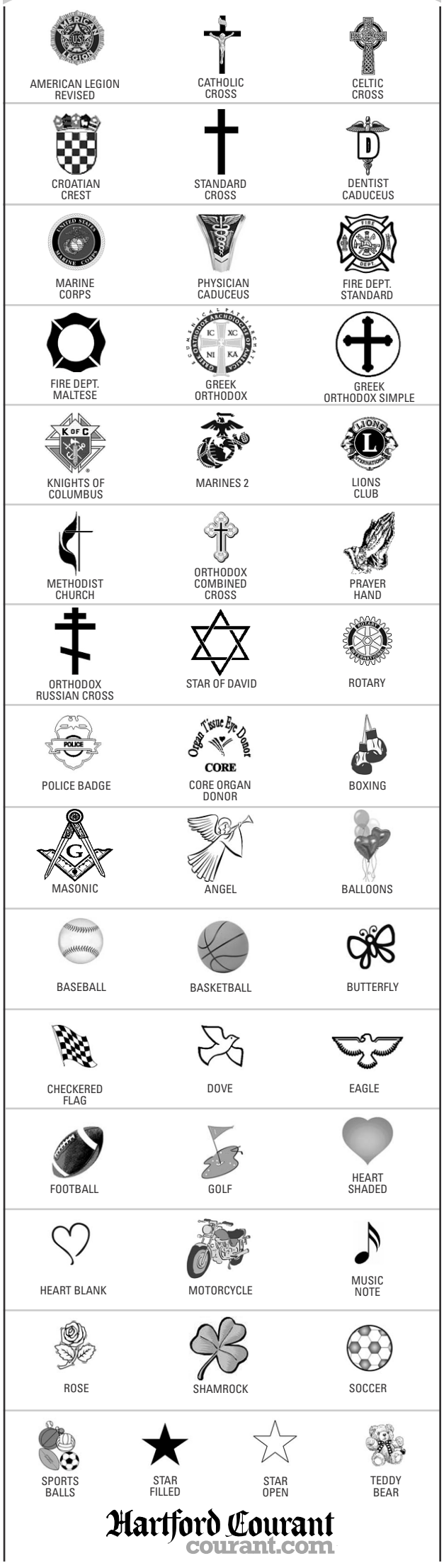
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Dual rallies to sound off at Capitol

Group against racial hate, another that favors conservative government set to gather Saturday

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Rallies organized by coalitions with different causes are set for today at the state Capitol in Hartford.

Groups including Connecticut Residents Against Medical Mandates, Take Back CT and Parent's Choice, which oppose mask mandates, the teaching of critical race theory and sexual and gender topics to young children and support more conservative state government, are organizing the Connecticut Freedom Rally.

More than a dozen local groups focused on racial justice and fighting white supremacy, especially the recent foray into Connecticut by an organization labeled as neo-Nazi by the Anti Defamation League, are organizing the End Hate Across the State rally.

The End Hate rally is scheduled to start at noon; the Freedom Rally is to begin at 1 p.m.

Amy Bourdon, who founded Parent's Choice and Take Back CT, said Thursday that she anticipates a peaceful demonstration. A disclaimer on a rally flyer said, "This is a peaceful, patriotic freedom event. Please no offensive/inappropriate flags or decorations."

Keren Prescott, founder and CEO of PowerUp CT, lead group in the End Hate rally, said she felt no need for such a disclaimer on behalf of her coalition. There has been no violence at any PowerUp or Black Lives Matter rallies in the state, Prescott said, and trained de-escalators will be on hand to diffuse any confrontations.

Hartford police were coordinating with Capitol police and communicating with rally organizers, city police spokesman Lt. Aaron Boisvert said. Police were not aware of any specific threats or concerns, Boisvert said, "and our intelligence team will continue to monitor for any potential changes."

State Capitol Police will have additional officers on duty for the rallies, department spokesman Sgt. Gregory Wimble said. The department also has plans in place with state and Hartford Police for additional support if needed, Wimble said.

There had been some talk about canceling the General Assembly's Saturday session because of the rallies, but House Speaker Matt Ritter of Hartford said Thursday that the perceived threat of competing protests was not as extreme as originally feared.

"If we need to come in on Saturday, we will find a way to come in," Ritter said,

Traditionally, the House often sets aside Saturday to concentrate a full day on the state budget, but nonpartisan lawyers and analysts are still working on the highly

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A fitting tribute to 40 years of music

Farmington teacher whose 'impact will be felt for generations' honored at concert

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

FARMINGTON — Despite the frigid temperature and biting wind, the Farmington High School outdoor spring concert on the steps of the Hill-Stead Museum on Wednesday evening was the ideal event to fete the 40-year career of retiring Noah Wallace Elementary School music teacher Betty Kenyon, who is a firm believer in the concept of life coming full circle.

"As Harry Chapin said, 'All my life is a circle,' " Kenyon said.

The concert featured several of Kenyon's former students, including Farmington High School senior Jessica DiTommaso, who credited Kenyon with stoking the musical embers in her and her classmates.

"It all began with our impressionable elementary years in music class with Mrs. Kenyon," DiTommaso said. "While it has been so long since we have been at Noah Wallace School, I looked

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Betty Kenyon is set to retire in June after having served as the Noah Wallace School music teacher for the past 40 years. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**

ARBOR DAY 150TH ANNIVERSARY



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A DAY FOR THE TREES

Hartford leaders celebrate the city's greenery

By Ted Glanzer | Hartford Courant

At a ceremony in Bushnell Park to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day on Friday, Jack Hale, of the Hartford Tree Advisory Commission, joked that if someone fell out of a plane over Hartford, there would be a 1-in-4 chance of him or her landing in a tree. Hale said his goal was to make it a 1-in-3 chance. And while Hale was joking about the person dropping out of a plane, he was completely serious about expanding the tree canopy cover in the city.

To improve the odds, Hartford Councilman Nick Lebron and Mayor Luke Bronin joined Hale in planting a Shagbark Hickory tree at the park. At the ceremony, speakers from Knox, Inc., the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the city discussed the importance of trees to the community, not just for beautification, but for residents' health.

Lebron declared that he is "a converted tree hugger." He, admitted he didn't always appreciate trees. "I didn't know the value of what trees brought," Lebron said, noting they're good for the environment, aesthetics, mental health and wellness and the environment.



TOP: Hartford Councilman Nick Lebron delivers remarks at Bushnell Park on Friday to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day. **ABOVE:** Lebron, from left, Jack Hale, of the City Tree Advisory Commission, and Mayor Luke Bronin assist in the planting of a shagbark hickory tree.

College logos, mascots OK to use in NIL deals

UConn-backed provision wins House approval

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — College athletes will now be allowed to use their university's logo in marketing deals when they earn money from the use of their name, image and likeness.

The measure represents an update to a groundbreaking law last year that permitted student-athletes to receive money for the first time for various deals. Now mascots, logos, trademarks, colors and the name from UConn — or any other university — can be used in deals for sneakers, sports drinks or other products.

The provision, requested by the University of Connecticut, was approved Thursday by the state House of Representatives by 132-12, with the negative votes coming from conservative Republicans. The measure had previously been approved by the state Senate and now goes to Gov. Ned Lamont for his signature.

Connecticut and South Carolina, which had the two top women's basketball teams this year, were the only states that had blocked athletes from using the logos.

In written testimony earlier this year a UConn official reported that the university "has seen 97 total NIL transactions from student-athletes across 14 different varsity teams."

Most of those involved "trading cards, sports drinks, nutrition supplements, apparel and gear, and food service items."

The most prominent athlete in the NIL deals is Paige Bueckers, a superstar point guard on the UConn women's basketball team who was the national player of the year in her freshman season. She suffered a knee injury during a game in December, but the team still advanced to the national championship game.



UConn women's basketball standout Paige Bueckers has a multiyear name, image and license agreement with Gatorade. **COURTESY**

She has deals with Cash App, StockX and Gatorade.

The bill was approved Thursday with little debate.

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'FITBIT MURDER' TRIAL

Neighbors describe final talks with victim

Ellington man charged with killing wife, lying to police about home invasion by masked murderer

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

The last time Darlene Beaudry saw her friend Connie Dabate she was walking down the hallway of her children's elementary school humming the song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," Beaudry told a jury on Friday.

Wrapping up the fourth week in the trial for the case known as the "Fitbit murder," attorneys on Friday questioned friends and neighbors of the slain mother as the state continued to build its case against her husband, Richard Dabate.

Dabate is charged with killing his wife and lying to police about a home invasion by a masked murderer in Ellington more than six years ago.

State's Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky questioned multiple neighbors, including Beaudry and her husband, Chris Beaudry, another neighbor couple who were friends with the Dabates and a woman named Kellie Fitzgerald, who had been friends with Connie Dabate since they were 12 years old.

They all said they'd never seen any violence between the couple and that they didn't notice anything unusual the morning of the fatal shooting, until the neighborhood was swarmed by police.

Fitzgerald heard from her friend the morning of Dec. 23, 2015, about 8:41 a.m., just before she was killed. Dabate had messaged her on Facebook, sending her photos of a firefighter-themed calendar, she said.

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CONNECTICUT

New Canaan cop faces charges of having explosives, assault weapon

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A New Canaan police officer was arrested on explosives and weapons charges, Fairfield State's Attorney Joseph T. Corradino said Friday.

David W. Rivera, was charged Thursday with illegal possession of explosives, illegal storage of explosives, illegal possession of an assault weapon, illegal storage of a firearm and three counts of improper transfer of a firearm.

A search of Rivera's Stratford home uncovered high explosives that were improperly stored, a news release said. Rivera is alleged to have used the explosives in his business training working dogs for various organizations. An arrest warrant, however, says he had no permit for the explosives.

Naugatuck police also served a search warrant at Rivera's business, Black Rock Canines, 100 Hunters Mountain Road, after complaints of possible animal cruelty. Police seized evidence but offered no further details of what they said was an ongoing investigation.

Rivera, identified on his business website as a U.S. Air Force veteran and K-9 officer in New Canaan, founded the business in 2017. Black Rock Canines offers obedience and other training, including detection of explosives, the site says.

The investigation leading to the explosives and weapons charges was conducted by Stratford, Naugatuck and state police and the state police bomb squad. Illegal possession and illegal storage of explosives are unclassified felonies punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Possession of an assault weapon is a Class D felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison and illegal transfer of a firearm is a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Bond was set at $250,000 and Rivera was to be arraigned in Bridgeport Superior Court on Friday.

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VP to speak at Coast Guard commencement

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Vice President Kamala Harris is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's 141st commencement on May 18.

The ceremony is to begin at 11 a.m. on Cadet Memorial Field in New London. The event is not open to the public.

"We are honored to host the Vice President and look forward



Harris

to having her present the Coast Guard's newest leaders with their commissions," Rear Adm. Bill Kelly, academy superintendent, said. "This will also be a memorable moment for our graduates before they head out across the country and around the globe to take their places in the fleet."

Vice presidents traditionally address the graduating class at one of the federal service academies on a rotating basis. This will be Harris' first visit to the Coast Guard Academy. She delivered the keynote speech at the Naval Academy graduation ceremony last year. President Joe Biden gave the keynote address at last year's Coast Guard Academy commencement.

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Attorneys also questioned Connie Dabate's two sisters, Leslie Garabedian and Marliese Shaw, this week, and last week questioned dozens of neighbors from Birch View Drive in Ellington. Prosecutors asked each neighbor whether they'd seen anything unusual in their quiet neighborhood the morning of the murder, namely a "large man in camo." They all said no.

Dabate told police and family that a large man dressed in all camouflage who was wearing a face mask and "has a voice like Vin Diesel" broke into his home the morning of Dec. 23, 2015, stole his credit cards and cash, killed his wife and tied him to a folding chair in the kitchen with zip ties after cutting his legs with his box cutter.

Investigators found, according to police records, that Connie Dabate's activity tracked by the Fitbit she wore on her wrist and her social media activity didn't line up with her husband's account of that morning.

They also learned that Richard Dabate had been having an affair and that one woman he was sleeping with was pregnant with his child and due to give birth a few months after the murder.

Gedansky on Friday also asked friends and neighbors of the Dabates if they'd ever seen Connie Dabate handle a gun, or heard her talk about owning a gun.

One neighbor said that Richard Dabate had told him over the years they'd known each other that he



Richard Dabate has been charged with the murder of his wife, Connie, who was fatally shot in their Ellington home in 2015. **COURTESY**

wanted to own guns, but that Connie Dabate didn't like them in the house.

Others told the attorneys they'd never heard the mother of two talk about having a gun and had never seen her with one.

Shaw testified Thursday that on Christmas Eve 2015, Richard Dabate told her and other members of his family that he thought his wife went into the basement — where she died — to get a gun to save him from the intruder.

Shaw said that that part of her former brother-in-law's story surprised her and her father, neither of whom had ever known Connie Dabate to handle a gun.

It has been more than six years since Connie Dabate was killed and five years since Richard Dabate was charged in connection to her death.

He is free on a $1 million bond and his trial is scheduled to continue Monday morning in Rockville Superior Court.

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through the fourth-grade yearbook the other day seeing the statements of my fellow classmates who are also seniors. On the first page of the names and pictures, the word 'chorus' was on the list of nearly all of the students' memories."

Farmington sophomore Gautham Santhanam, a former Kenyon charge, said Kenyon introduced his class to civil rights pieces at a young age and incorporated songs from a variety of cultures into the classroom.

Parent Terry Czerwinski, of the group Friends of Farmington Music, said Kenyon is leaving a lasting legacy, not just at Noah Wallace but for the entire town.

Kenyon is credited with bringing the strings program to Farmington public schools in the early 1980s and also for establishing numerous traditions, such as the Festival of Lights Concert, held every December outdoors on the steps of Noah Wallace, and taking children to the Hartford Symphony.

"These past 40 years have been so special to our community, and it goes beyond saying how much we appreciate the joy and love that has been felt with your students' music," Czerwinski said. "I know your impact will be felt for generations and we thank you for instilling the love of music in all of our children."

It was a fitting tribute to a woman who dedicated her professional life to introducing music to the town's youngest students, said



Farmington High School students Jessica DiTommaso, left, and Gautham Santhanam present Noah Wallace music teacher Betty Kenyon with flowers Wednesday at the Hill-Stread Museum. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**

Leslie Imse, music department chair for the district.

"She has been the longest-standing teacher here and has seen the program evolve, and she supported it," Imse said. "She's someone who is all-encompassing in her influence on our program but also education in general. She is often seen speaking at BOE meetings in town. She's a real advocate for all children and all programming."

Even with the significant evolution as to how music is taught — which went from singing simple songs to incorporating mindfulness practices such as yoga, and social and emotional learning concepts, as well as the ever-shifting technological landscape — Kenyon says there is one thing that remained constant.

"The kids are basically the same," she said.

But as the rigors of the curriculum have shifted over the past four decades, so too have the goals Kenyon has in the classroom.

"I always tell them that more important than being a good musician is to be a good citizen and be a healthy person, and take care of yourself and those around you," Kenyon said. "That includes being in tune with your body and your mind. ...

"The thing I enjoyed the most is working with kids and working with kids who have challenges in life and making sure they feel connected with someone they trusted and find ways to make them feel relaxed and enjoy music. That really touches people on all different levels."

If teaching thousands of students throughout the years wasn't enough, Kenyon is also credited with mentoring fellow music teachers.

"Betty's been such an inspiration to me seeing how she teaches, how she works with other adults," Union School music teacher Inga Smith said. "Her passion, her drive is so amazing and inspiring. I don't know how she does it.

"This drive, this nonstop ability to bring joy in music to the kids and she loves what she does, and that's what's so amazing. Even with COVID, to keep going and keep bringing that joy to the students is an inspiration."

Kenyon plans on spending more time with her family, which includes five grandchildren, one of whom — speaking of things coming full circle — wrote as a Capstone project at Farmington High Sschool the Noah Wallace school song for viola, cello, vocal and piano accompaniment.

"That was really special for me, just to see her go through the school system and come and write the school song as part of an FHS project," Kenyon said. "This cyclical part of life, just seeing how it goes around and how you can touch people and have them enjoy music [is amazing]."

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complicated, $24.2 billion spending plan. As such, lawmakers say there would be a better chance of voting on the budget Monday.

"I would say Saturday is more of a question of what do we have to do versus the protest being an issue," Ritter said.

Addressing the citizens of Connecticut, the End Hate coalition said in a news release, "We are inviting you to come to the state Capitol to stand in solidarity with the Black, Indigenous, Brown, Hispanic, LatinX, Asian and other communities of color across the state to call for an end to hatred of individuals who have been attacked, harassed and oppressed throughout our communities."

The coalition is particularly bent on countering recent recruiting efforts by the New England Nationalist Social Club, which has been distributing flyers calling for people to band against "anti-American & anti-White street gangs such as MS13, Black Lives Matter and Antifa."

People representing to be group members recently unfurled banners on Market Street in Hartford that said "White Lives Matter," "Defend New England" and "Defend White Lives."

"We will not stand back and stand by and watch hateful groups come into our community trying to intimidate Black people and other communities of color," PowerUp CT said in a prepared statement.

Freedom Rally participants are to set out in the morning in convoys from New Haven, Middletown, Southington, Windsor and other communities, rolling to the Capitol at noon. The rally is set to run from 1 to 4 p.m.

Bourdon, of Cheshire, said Parent's Choice is a response to concerns rising out of school districts in Connecticut and across the nation about mask mandates, sexuality lessons for young children and critical race theory in school lessons, among other issues.

"We believe that parents have ultimate control over their children and that government should not be co-parenting," Bourdon said.

Connecticut school districts, particularly those with abysmal academic performance, should be focused on math, science and other subjects crucial to students' futures and the security of the nation, Colleen Mary Dabkowski, vice chairwoman of Parents Choice and Take Back Connecticut, said.

"There has to be some common sense," Dabkowski said.

Bourdon described Take Back CT as a group working to make the state more fiscally conservative and business-friendly, among other issues. Members back Republicans Bob Stefanowski for governor and Dominic Rapini for secretary of the state, she said, but the group's main mission this year is to get candidates to run for state legislative seats that are currently unopposed.

Bourdon said she has attended many rallies with groups that seem to be in opposition, but people often find common ground and everyone is united under the First Amendment.

"This is what our country was built on," she said. "We have to protect their right to protest, to rally. ... The goal is not to create unrest; it's to bring awareness and influence the minds of others. Everyone should walk away from these events learning something."

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US Army sued over soldiers' discharges

Yale Law students helping with lawsuit seeking to upgrade statuses of veterans with addiction issues

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

HARTFORD — The U.S. Army is violating veterans' rights, its own regulations and the Constitution by refusing to give soldiers with alcohol and drug use disorders honorable discharges that would qualify them for federal benefits, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday.

Army veteran Mark Stevenson, with help from students at Yale Law School, is suing Army Secretary Christine Wormuth in federal court in Connecticut, seeking to force the military branch to upgrade the discharge statuses of himself and other veterans who were given less-than-honorable discharges because of misconduct related to their substance abuse disorders.

The lawsuit is similar to previous ones filed by Yale's Veterans Legal Services Clinic on behalf of former military members with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health issues who were denied honorable discharges because of misconduct. Those cases resulted in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines agreeing to reconsider those discharge decisions based on new criteria that acknowledge mental health problems can affect behavior.

An Army spokesperson declined to comment on the new lawsuit, saying the branch does not publicly respond to pending litigation.

Stevenson, 63, of Stratford, enlisted in the Army in 1977 and said he developed problems with alcohol and drugs while stationed in then-West Germany as an auto mechanic. He said his substance abuse, including using hashish — a concentrated form of marijuana — and heroin, was a factor in him going AWOL three times and receiving a less-than-honorable discharge.

Now a certified substance abuse counselor and sober for two decades, Stevenson said the Army Board for Correction of Military Records denied his request for a discharge upgrade in December and refused to recognize substance use disorders as mental health conditions.

"I made serious mistakes," he said in a statement provided by the Yale legal clinic. "But I now have two decades of sobriety. I have taken accountability for my actions. I've repaired relationships in my life, and become a mentor to fellow veterans and others struggling with addiction."

The military issues thousands of less-than-honorable discharges every year, which disqualifies veterans from health and counseling benefits that may help them, according to the Veterans Legal Services Clinic.

The Army is violating military policy to provide "liberal consideration" in discharge decisions of whether misconduct was related to mental health problems, the clinic said. The branch also is violating due process rights under the Fifth Amendment that require federal agencies to follow their own regulations and guidance, it said.

"This decision harms veterans with addictions ... an already doubly-stigmatized group," Dena Shata, a Yale Law School student interning with the clinic, said in a statement. "Mr. Stevenson has rededicated his life to serving his community and other veterans. The Army's decision to meet his service with discrimination is unconscionable, and unlawful."

Stevenson said he didn't abuse alcohol or drugs when he enlisted in the military. He said his time in West Germany was tense, as a German gang opposed to America's presence launched terrorist attacks that killed and wounded U.S. military members. Stevenson, who is Black, also said he was subjected to racist acts by fellow soldiers, as well as by German locals.

To cope, he said he began self-medicating with alcohol and hashish, and later heroin. He claimed the Army "normalized" substance abuse in Germany by providing each soldier with a monthly ration card for three gallons of liquor, 20 packs of cigars and four cartons of cigarettes.

After his AWOL incidents, he received an "other than honorable" discharge that barred him from receiving VA benefits. He struggled with addiction for two decades and ended up homeless in 2002, when he checked himself into a treatment program. He completed the program and worked a few jobs before earning an associate's degree and becoming a substance abuse counselor.

"A second chance would mean everything to me," he said of his quest for an honorable discharge.

Federal judges asked to pave way for Purdue deal

Would require Sackler family to contribute up to $6 billion over time

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

Lawyers for OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma and many of those who had claims against the company over the toll of opioids joined together Friday to urge a federal judicial panel to advance a plan that would settle lawsuits across the country.

The legal question facing the judges from the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York: Does a bankruptcy judge have the authority to grant members of the Sackler family, who own the company, protection from civil lawsuits over the toll of opioids?

Sackler family members have insisted on the legal shield in exchange for providing the money behind the proposed settlement. And as their offer was boosted over more than two years of negotiations and mediation, most of the parties came to support the deal — including all the states.

But the U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee's Office, an arm of the Justice Department, has continued pushing back, asserting it's improper to provide a legal shield for members of the wealthy family, who have not filed for bankruptcy protection themselves.

"A non-debtor says, 'I can get the benefit of a discharge, but I don't need to comply with any of the rules of the bankruptcy code and I don't need to contribute all of my assets,'" Michael Shih, a lawyer for the office, told a three-judge panel of the 2nd Circuit in a hearing Friday in New York City.

"That's the fundamental inconsistency here."

Lawyers for Purdue and others who support the settlement said the protections for Sackler family members would be limited to cases involving opioids and are needed to get a fair outcome, rather than seeing the fight continue through many trials all over the country.

"The releases at issue are not only important to the plan, they are absolutely essential," said Mitchell Hurley, a lawyer for the official committee of unsecured creditors in Purdue's bankruptcy case told the judges.

Purdue lawyer Marshall Huebner pointed out that unlike other parties, the Bankruptcy Trustee's office and federal government are not in line to receive any money from the settlement.

He told the judges that allowing lawsuits against the Sacklers to move forward might not result in more money to fight the opioid crisis — in part because most of the family's wealth is in trusts, much of it overseas.

"We are bringing in billions and billions of dollars to save lives," Huebner told the court.

All three judges asked pointed questions on the positions of both Huebner and Shih.

The 2nd Circuit judges did not indicate when they would rule, but it often takes weeks or months after a hearing.

No matter how the 2nd Circuit rules on the case, an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is possible. If Purdue and its allies win, they still must go back to the bankruptcy judge to get the latest version of the deal approved.

Under the planned deal Sackler family members would contribute $5.5 billion to $6 billion over time, plus give up ownership of the company. Purdue would then become a new entity known as "Knoa Pharma" that would dedicate its profits to fighting the nation's opioid epidemic.

Most of the Sacklers' money also would go to fighting the epidemic, but at least $750 million would be distributed to some individual victims and their families.



Nicholas Rivers, of Maine, takes part in a protest with advocates for opioid victims outside the Department of Justice on Dec. 3 in Washington. **CAROLYN KASTER/AP**

Other product-liability cases have been settled through bankruptcy court by using the sort of protections this deal would give the Sacklers. But opponents of the settlement are challenging the strategy based on the fact that a handful of parties still object to the deal.

Almost all the governments and other entities that originally sued Purdue have agreed to the settlement. Besides the bankruptcy trustee, the only official objectors left are Canadian local governments and First Nations, and two mothers of sons who died of opioid overdoses.

This week more than 1,000 families who have lost loved ones to overdoses sent a letter asking the U.S. Justice Department to drop its opposition. They said individual victims would not receive payments if the settlement is derailed.

"Moreover, if this plan is not implemented, the states would have to wait years to recover money to be used for abating the opioid crisis," their letter said. "With drug overdoses occurring at record rates, that is time we cannot afford."

The federal judge overseeing Purdue's bankruptcy case approved a settlement last year that was later rejected on an appeal brought primarily by attorneys general for eight states and the District of Columbia. The sides then went to mediation that ultimately persuaded the Sacklers to increase their contribution by more than $1 billion.

REVIEW

The Bushnell's 'Pretty Woman' stays true to beloved romcom

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

"Pretty Woman: The Musical" takes a charming and fondly remembered movie and, as its title character might put it, "rescues it right back."

It's easy to have low expectations for yet another musical from a beloved romcom: In recent years The Bushnell has brought us tours of "The Bodyguard," "Dirty Dancing," "Anastasia," "Cruel Intentions," "Kinky Boots," "Waitress," "Once" and "Finding Neverland." These shows varied widely in quality. The better ones not only respected the original movies they were based on (and their legions of fans) but added some special theatrical pizzazz. They also found a style that fit a stage version of the story, whether that meant camping it up like "Dirty Dancing" or deepening the original drama like "Once" and "Waitress."

"Pretty Woman" finds a tone and style that works well for those that don't want to challenge their warm memories of the original. It also works as a traditional musical. Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance's songs are nothing to write home about (and are wiped out of your memory anyway by the rendition of Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman" in the show's curtain call; it's Orbison you'll be humming when you leave the theater), but to their credit they're the right types of songs in the right place in the show. There's the "having a dream" song, the "I'm falling in love" song, the "I'm free to decide my own fate" song...



Adam Pascal and Olivia Valli star in the national tour of the musical "Pretty Woman." **MATTHEW MURPHY/COURTESY**

Not much has changed from the film. If you found the original plot problematic, as many have, you still will. A ruthless workaholic corporate raider named Edward needs to act more casual for some important meetings, so he hires a prostitute named Vivian he happens to meet on Hollywood Boulevard. The arrangement is originally for one night at $300, but turns into a full week at $3,000. (The musical has maintained the film's 1980s setting as well as its price scale.) The couple comments frequently on how they each avoid intimacy and stick to business.

"We both screw people for money," they agree. Their attitudes will change.

Garry Marshall, who directed the movie, now receives a co-writing credit on the script that he didn't have before, alongside the only credited writer of the movie, J.F. Lawton. Marshall's many creative contributions to the story are chronicled in his memoir "My Happy Days in Hollywood." Marshall, who died in 2016 was an acclaimed film and TV director but he was also a lifelong theater guy who, among other things, adapted his hit TV show "Happy Days" into a musical at the Goodspeed in 2007 and 2008.

"Pretty Woman: The Musical" has been reworked since its Broadway run, including changes made for its London production. It has some big weaknesses, mainly those Bryan Adams songs, but it also has at least a couple of big strong ideas that lift up the whole show.

One gambit is taking several characters from the movie, including the manager of the Beverly Wilshire hotel and the street-smart narrator who lays out the fairy tale format of the story in an opening monologue, and rolls them into a single performer called Happy Man,o. Happy Man is played on this tour by Kyle Taylor Parker, who is able to fall fully into these roles while also winking at the audience that "Hey! It's me again."

IF YOU GO: "Pretty Woman: The Musical" runs through Sunday at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Remaining performances are Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. $35-$115. Find more info at bushnell.org.

The other idea that takes "Pretty Woman" to a higher plane is the scene where Edward takes Vivian to the opera. In the film, it's one of many ways he shows her a rarefied cultured world she's never experienced before. In the musical, it's a pivotal moment, staged in spectacular fashion. The opera singers surround Edward and Vivian in their fancy box seats, and the soaring classical voices blend with Edward's as he is overcome with his feelings about Vivian and sings one of the show's better songs, "You and I."

There are other smart musical concepts, including a constantly dancing bellboy and a lively ensemble of down-and-out Hollywood Boulevard denizens.

Those high points count for a lot, and the rest of the adaptation is more than serviceable. Nearly all the dialogue is identical to the movie, which is familiar and reassuring. When new lines are added (like "It was a business doing pleasure with you") they fit neatly alongside the many classic quotes such as "I'll be your beck and call girl" and "Big mistake. Big. Huge."

While there are pains taken to make sure the stage show mirrors the movie pretty closely, the actors have been given some freedom in finding their own ways into the characters.

As Edward, certified Broadway star Adam Pascal (the original Roger in "Rent") doesn't try to be Richard Gere — he's a little goofier, a little grander, a little softer. For Bushnell-goers, it's fun when Edward starts reciting Shakespeare in the second act, since Pascal played that legendary playwright in the tour of "Something Rotten" a few years ago. As Vivian, Olivia Valli wears replicas of the same outfits that Julia Roberts wore in the movie, but doesn't ape her movements or mannerisms.

The supporting characters are not held to any sort of impersonation: Jessica Crouch as Vivian's friend Kit and Matthew Stocke as Edward's lawyer Stuckey don't resemble the film characters at all. In Crouch's case, she's defined more by the rock songs she gets to belt.

Despite adding around 20 songs to the storyline, "Pretty Woman" clocks at around the same two-hour running time as the movie, if you take out the 20-minute intermission. Like its main characters, it does the job it sets out to do, with economy and industry and flair, adding unexpected excitement and romance along the way.

LIVING

CELEBRITIES

Corden leaving late-night CBS show

From news services

James Corden said he will be bowing out of his late-night CBS TV show next year, calling it a "good time to move on and see what else might be out there."

Corden announced his decision during the taping of Thursday's "The Late Late Show," which he began hosting in 2015.

"When I started this journey, it was always going to be just that. It was going to be a journey, an adventure. I never saw it as my final destination, you know?" he said. "And I never want this show to overstay its welcome in any way. I always want to love making it."

Corden, who didn't offer details on what course his career may take next, will remain with the show for another year, he said, promising that it will "go out with a bang" and, he predicted, with "so many tears."

In a statement, CBS President and CEO George Cheeks lauded Corden for taking "huge creative and comedic swings," including the "Carpool Karaoke" videos in which Corden and pop stars performed singalongs on the road.

The network had no further comment, including on who might replace Corden. The show's previous host was Craig Ferguson.

Corden's contract was to expire this August, but the London-born actor and writer extended the agreement for another season. He will leave the show in spring 2023.



Host since 2015, James Corden is leaving "The Late Late Show" in spring 2023. **JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2019**

Bieber has heart procedure: Hailey Bieber underwent a heart procedure after suffering a "very scary incident" last month, she shared in a YouTube video on Wednesday.

The model said she experienced a transient ischemic attack, which is often referred to as a mini-stroke, on March 10 while she has having breakfast with her husband, pop star Justin Bieber.

Hailey Bieber didn't say where they were when the incident occurred, but said a doctor was present. She was later hospitalized, and underwent a series of tests.

Doctors believe the transient ischemic attack was the result of Bieber recently having COVID-19, traveling back and forth to Paris, and having begun birth-control pills despite previously suffering from migraines. She described it as "a perfect storm that led to me having a small blood clot."

The blood clot managed to travel to her brain, Bieber said, because she had a small opening in her heart. She has since undergone a procedure to close the opening. "I'm recovering really well, really fast," Bieber said.

Cabello face of beauty campaign: Camila Cabello is the face of Victoria's Secret's first bilingual beauty campaign. The lingerie brand has announced Cabello as spokesmodel of its Bombshell fragrance collection. The Cuban American singer, 25, stars in the English and Spanish versions of the commercial campaign.

"I am honored to be the newest addition to the @victoriassecret Bombshell family," Cabello wrote in part on Instagram. "Bombshell is about embracing who and what you are, and celebrating that every day."

April 30 birthdays: Actor Burt Young is 82. Actor Perry King is 74. Singer Merrill Osmond is 69. Director Jane Campion is 68. Actor Lisa Dean Ryan is 50. Singer Jeff Timmons is 49. Actor Johnny Galecki is 47. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 41. Actor Kirsten Dunst is 40. Actor Dianna Agron is 36. Rapper Travis Scott is 31.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Loved canine leaves behind legacy of guilt

Dear Amy: The dog I had for over 10 years recently had to be euthanized.

I loved my dog, but being a pet owner often made me feel guilty. I often felt that I had to choose between being with our dog or being a good mother to my kids.

I realize that I was not ready to own a pet when I first got her. I made many blunders that I still regret to this day.

My husband also loved our dog, but I believed that what he loved most was having a dog — any dog. I had this dog before we got married, and I think I presented myself as a dog person, when actually I was only a "that dog" person.

He has brought up getting another dog for his birthday in a few months, and has been looking at local animal shelters. He said he didn't enjoy living in a house without a dog in it.

Amy, I loved my little dog, and if I could have her back, healthy and happy, I would. But I honestly don't think I will ever want another dog, due to the guilt that comes with it.

I believe that if I said I didn't want other dogs, I would be asking him to make a big lifestyle change, and maybe even change who he is as a person.

Just thinking about getting another dog stresses me out.

Any advice?

— *Dogless*

Dear Dogless: My recent adoption of the world's cutest terrier has given me some personal insight into what you are describing. The guilt of not being able to make every single day The Best Dog Day Ever is intense, and that legendary unconditional canine love can actually make the guilt-burden seem heavier.

You entered the marriage with a dog in hand/paw, but I wonder if the dynamic would be different if this time around your husband adopted the dog and took primary responsibility for its feeding, care, exercise and entertainment.

Children eventually graduate from the household, while your dog's needs increase with time. A dog's health and happiness is completely dependent on you until the end. And the end, as you know, can be heartbreaking.

If you were the backup parent, you might feel the burden differently. And understand that the rookie mistakes you made last time (and which you still feel guilty over) would not be a factor now.

I hope you will be brave enough to be totally frank with your husband about this and that you will both take time to think this over.

If your husband feels very strongly about this, he might want to foster a dog for a few weeks to test the waters for both of you.

Dear Amy: I met my biological father only two times when he came to visit me.

About two years ago, I texted his wife to ask about him. She never replied back.

My mother never told me of him nor talked about him. I know nothing about myself other than my place of birth.

I wonder often about who I am, about my biological father's other children and health information. I'm now 77. Am I wrong for wanting to know these things?

— *Lost*

Dear Lost: You are not wrong for wanting to know more about your family heritage!

If you know your biological father's surname and your place of birth, you could do some genealogical research. Ask your reference librarian at your local library to get started.

You should also consider at-home DNA testing. When you register on a site and submit a DNA sample, you would then be connected with others who share your DNA, if they are also registered. This could potentially connect you not only with possible siblings, but also aunts, uncles and cousins.

I would also suggest mailing a letter and/or phoning, versus texting your biological father's wife. I'm assuming that she is older than you are, and many older people don't use text messages to communicate.

Dear Amy: The conversation in your column about strong food aversions brought me back. My father forced me to eat potatoes. I sat in front of a pile of cold mashed potatoes after everyone else had left the table.

I finally ate them. Then I threw them back up.

— *No Spuds for Me*

Dear No Spuds: Mission very much accomplished.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Bonnie Raitt faces mortality with compassion, hope in latest songs

By Jon Pareles
The New York Times

Who would expect a Bonnie Raitt song to start like this? "Had the flu in the prison infirmary," she sings in "Down the Hall," from her new album, "Just Like That," which arrives more than a half-century after her debut.

"Down the Hall" is a folky, fingerpicked ballad, written by Raitt, with the plain-spoken diction of a John Prine song. Based on a New York Times story, it is narrated by a convict, a murderer, who finds a kind of atonement in becoming a prison hospice worker: "The thought of those guys goin' out alone/ It hit me somewhere deep," she sings, as Glenn Patscha's organ chords swell behind her like glimmers of redemption.

"Down the Hall" is the somber finale to "Just Like That," Raitt's first album since 2016. The music's style is familiar; Raitt, 72, reconvened her longtime band members, who are old hands at blues, soul, ballads and reggae, and she produced the tracks with the feel of musicians performing together in real time, savoring grooves and finding warmth in human imperfections.

But the album was recorded in 2021, well into the pandemic, and it shows. Along with her usual insights into grown-up love, desire, heartbreak and regret, Raitt's latest collection of songs directly faces mortality.

"Livin' for the Ones," with words by Raitt and music by the band's guitarist George Marinelli, is a Rolling Stones-flavored rocker, with strummed and sliding guitars tumbling across the backbeat. It draws a life force from mourning, countering petty impulses toward lethargy or self-pity with the blunt recognition of so many lives lost.



Bonnie Raitt, seen April 3, recorded her new album with her longtime band members. **JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION**



'Just Like That'
Bonnie Raitt (Redwing)

Another kind of solace after death arrives in the quietly poignant title track, also written by Raitt. Its story unfolds at a measured pace. A stranger shows up on the doorstep of a woman who has never stopped blaming herself for the death of her son. The man has sought her out because he's the one who got her son's heart as a transplant: "I lay my head upon his chest/ And I was with my boy again," Raitt sings, with sorrow and relief in the grain of her voice.

The rest of the album features Raitt's more typical fare: songs about love lost and found, about getting together or drifting apart. "Made Up Mind," from Canadian band Bros. Landreth, opens the album with a stolid portrait of a slow-motion separation, feeling "the quiet behind a slamming door." Its counterbalance is "Something's Got a Hold of My Heart," an Al Anderson song about a late-arriving, unexpected romance.

Yet, mortality haunts even the love songs. The album includes Raitt's remake of "Love So Strong" by reggae pioneer Toots Hibbert, who led Toots and the Maytals and died in 2020 after being hospitalized for symptoms similar to COVID-19. "Blame It on Me," by John Capek and Andrew Matheson, is a bluesy, torchy, slow-dance breakup ballad that couches accusations in apologies, warning that "truth is love's first casualty;" near the end, Raitt turns the tables with an exquisite, sustained, breaking high note. The song also assigns some of the blame to time, which has "poured like sand through your hands and mine."

Understanding that life is finite, the stakes are higher for every relationship, every moment. On "Just Like That," Raitt calls for compassion, consolation and perseverance to get through with grace.

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): An opportunity to create a stronger foundation can come when you least expect it. An idea from out of the blue might be the key to making goals more manageable. This idea could come to you in a dream, so listen closely to your subconscious.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Self-discovery can come through other people. You could meet someone who speaks to your soul. Learning about their life may help you learn about a facet of yourself that you hadn't been able to express. You don't have to copy their life, but you can take a page out of their book.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Projects started now could culminate into something larger. You have an opportunity to begin a project that you've been wanting to get started, but it would be in your best interest to keep the circle you tell very small. This might be something that proves to be very fulfilling for you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Spiritual awakenings are possible at this time. You have been thinking about your philosophies lately, and this could be a sign to learn more about the world beyond. Get in touch with your inner self and do some soul-searching. Yoga or meditation may be enlightening.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your reputation may benefit from a new partnership. Someone that you're spending time with more often is likely to be a good influence on you, especially in terms of your image and your career. This person might be a kind of mentor to you, — take your time and learn what you can.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may treat you to an adventure today. You're probably not expecting this, but odds are, someone is trying to impress you. You could have some stories to tell once you're back from whatever fun experience you have with them. Remember, it's about the journey!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A personal evolution could be taking place. You may have become comfortable with a habit that is helping to improve your life, and now it's time to take it a step further! If you've reached a plateau, that just means it will take dedication. Focus on the results to get past any difficulty.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Passion can be revitalized today! You may have been in a slump lately. At last, creative blocks could finally melt away as new ideas begin to flow, and previously dead-end roads may finally lead somewhere. Now that you don't feel as repressed, it's finally time to let yourself be free.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It may be time now for a spring cleaning. Sprucing up your living area is a great way to channel the current energy. Your home is your sanctuary, and it should be somewhere you look forward to going back to. Once you've tidied up, you can breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy your surroundings!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Collaboration can lead to inspiration. Working in a group can solve problems you may be faced with, and allow everyone to refine their concepts into real plans. Don't feel like you have to come up with everything.Find friends who want your ideas to reach their potential.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your family can help encourage your self-worth. Reminiscing about your childhood could jog your memory about who you are deep down, encouraging you with tales about yourself. Let them help build up your confidence so that you can feel more secure in who you are.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Now could be time to change up your look. You may have been thinking about that new hairstyle or getting a tattoo, and things are falling into place. If you're concerned what people will think, they can manage their own feelings. Those who support you want you to be happy!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 30, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler took his own life along with that of his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked protest.

In 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

In 1993, top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany.

In 2004, Arabs expressed outrage at photographs of Iraqi prisoners being humiliated by U.S. military police; President George W. Bush condemned the mistreatment, saying "that's not the way we do things in America."

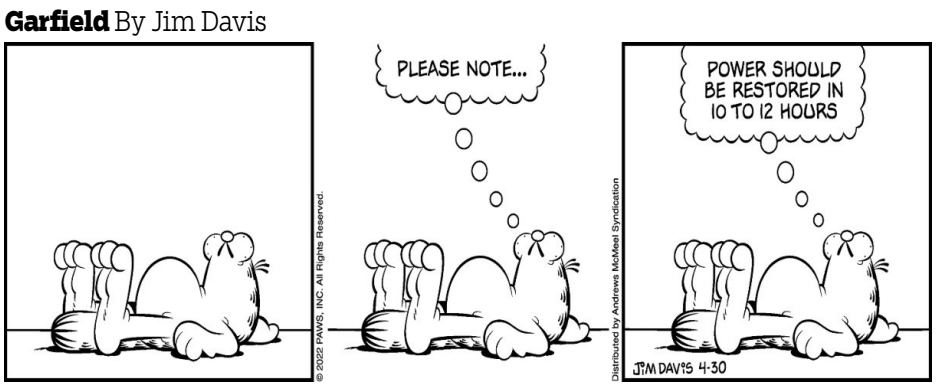
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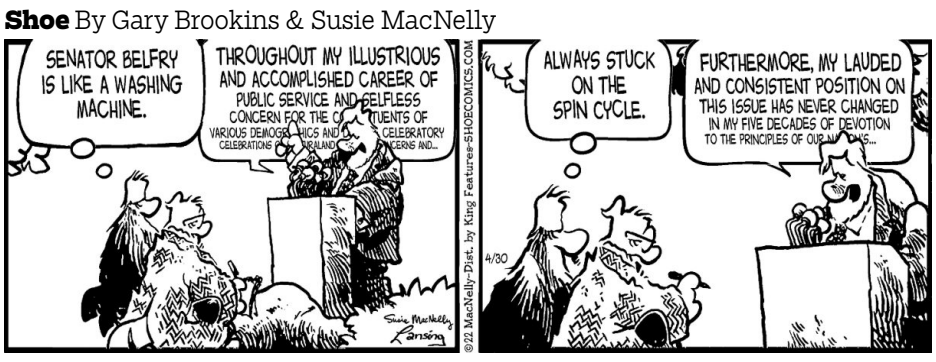
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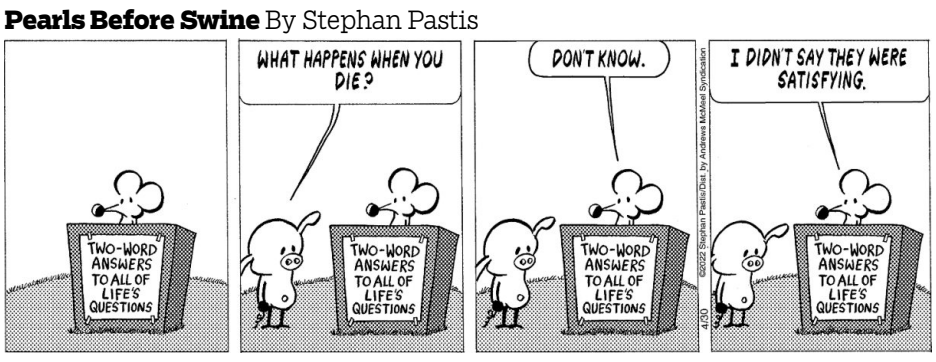
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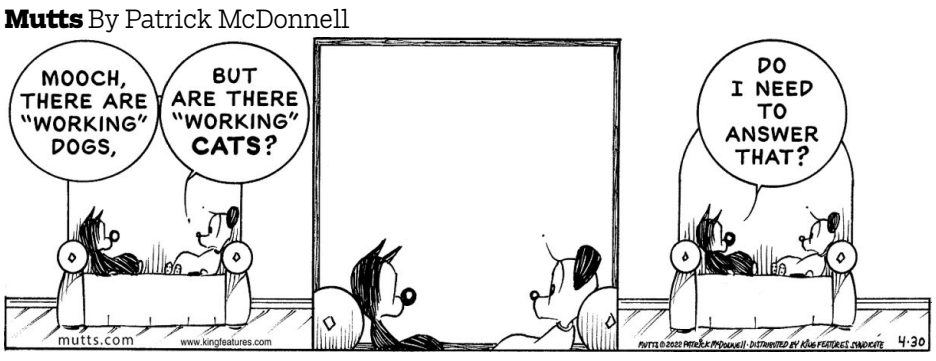
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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



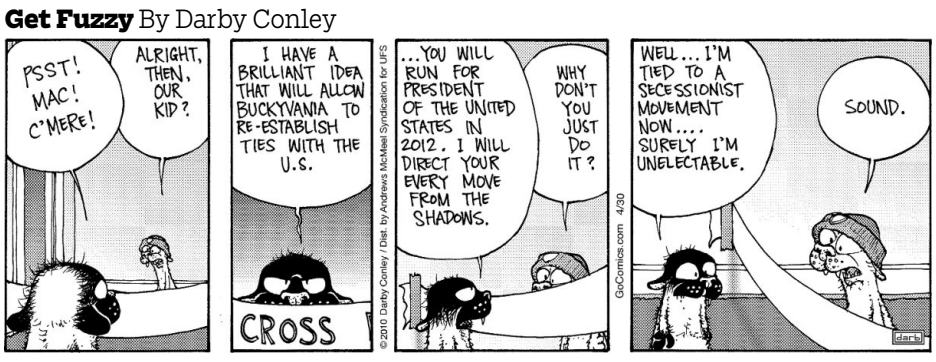
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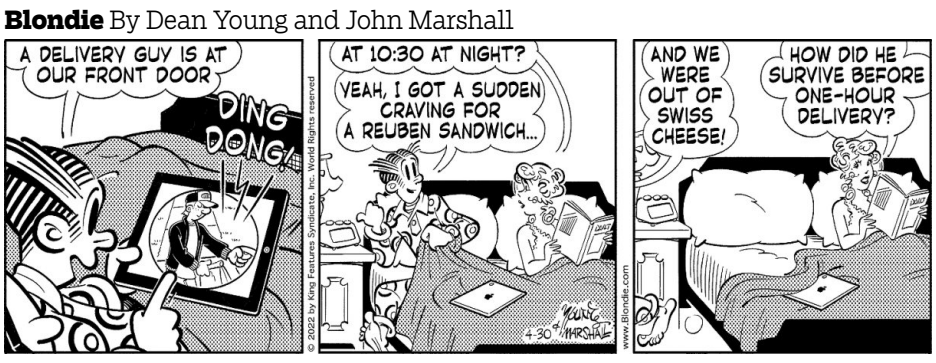
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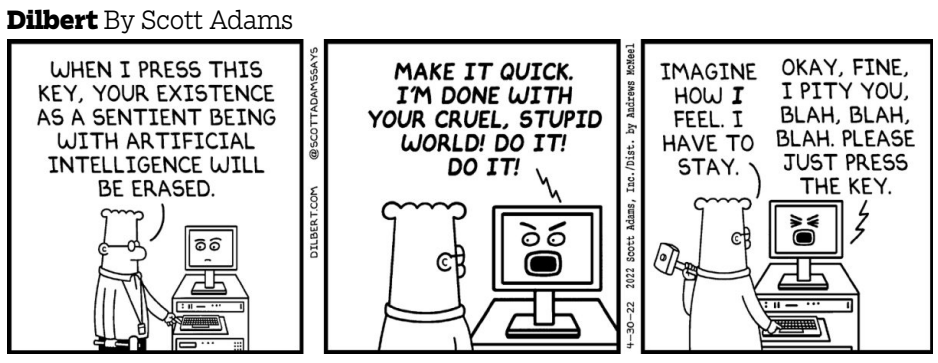
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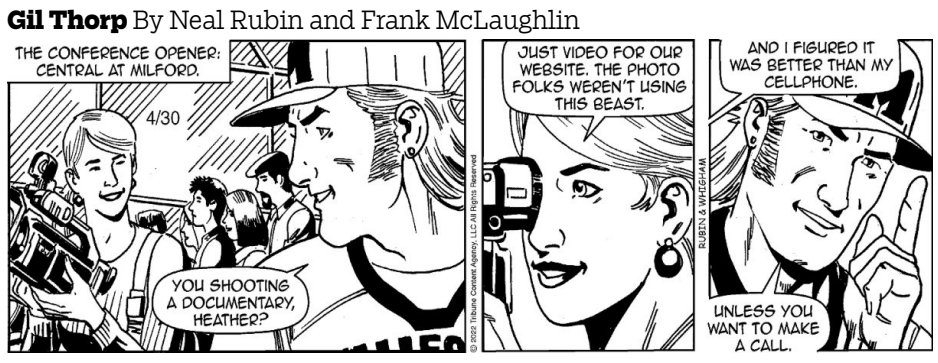
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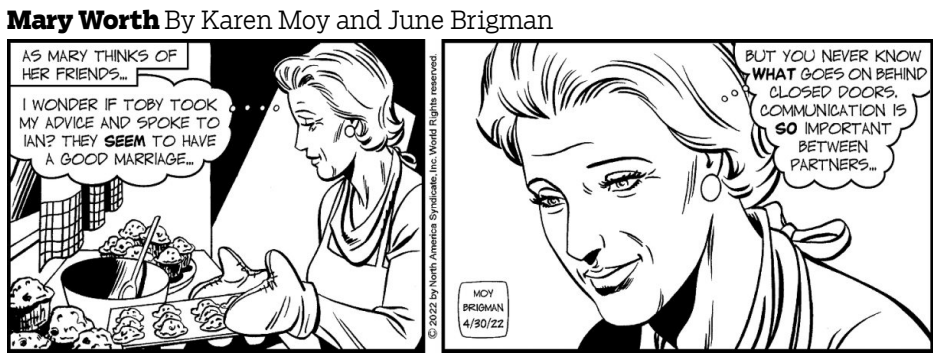
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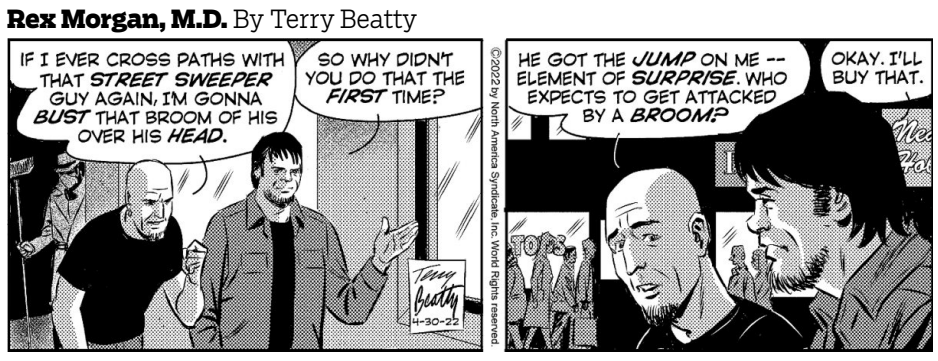
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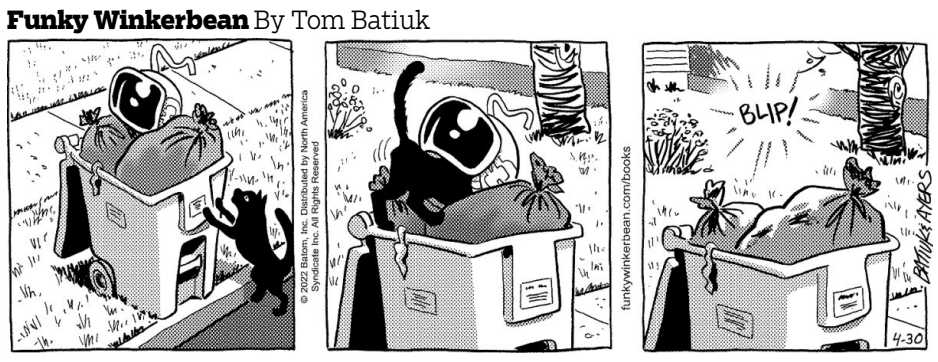
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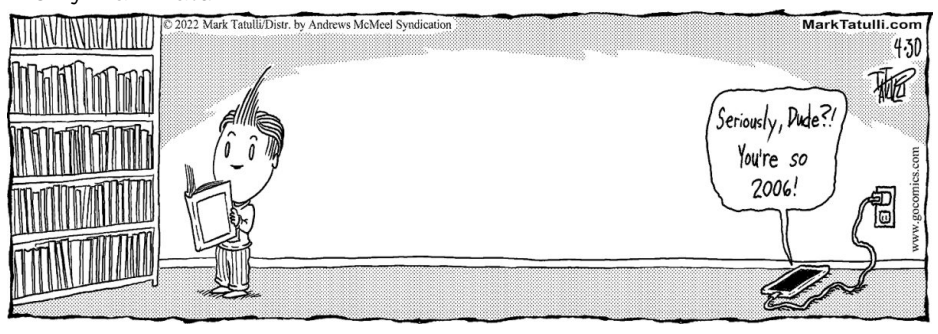
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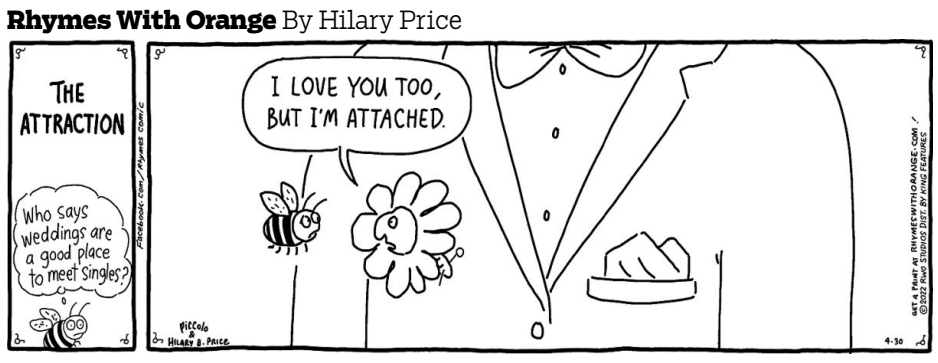
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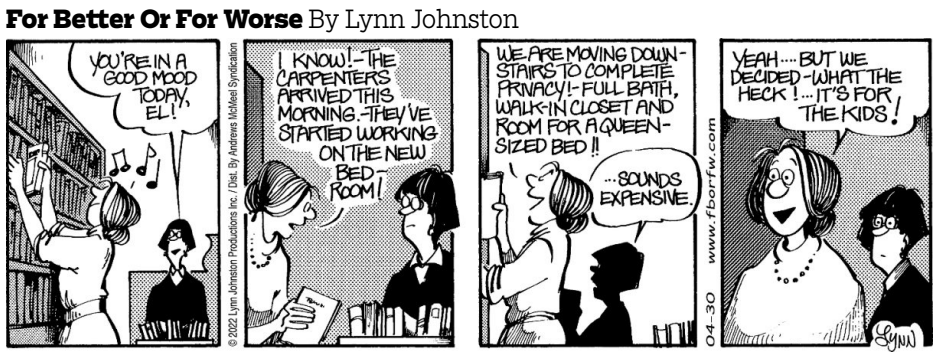


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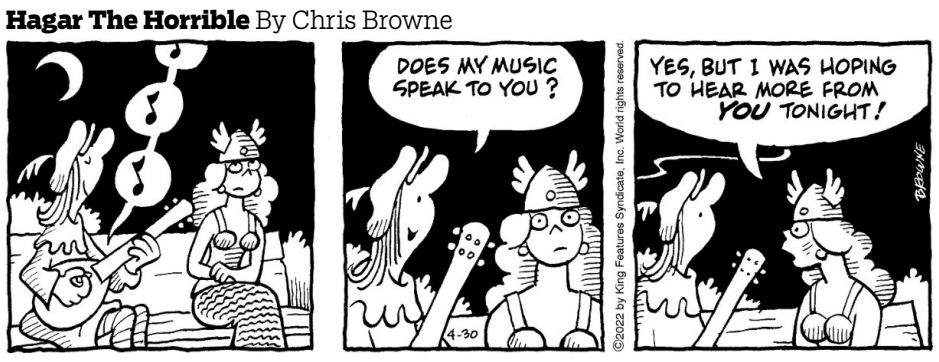
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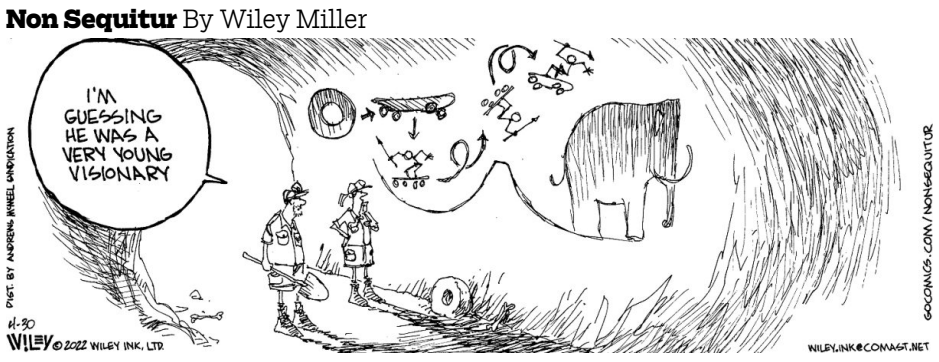
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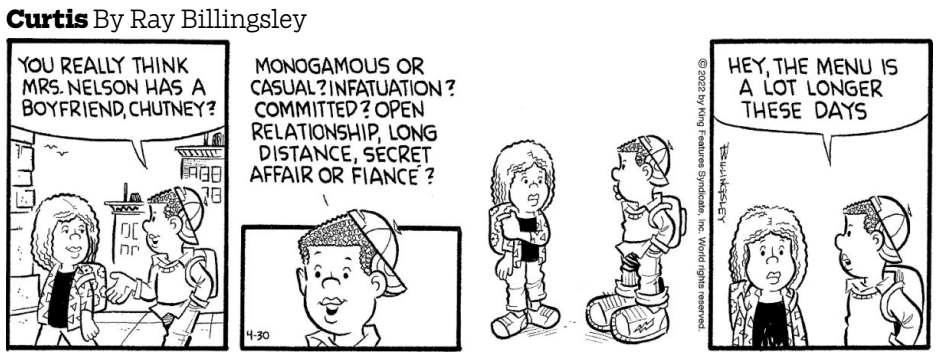
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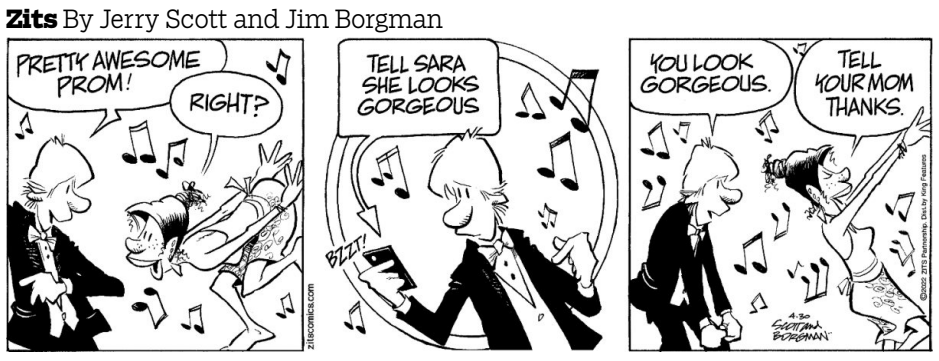
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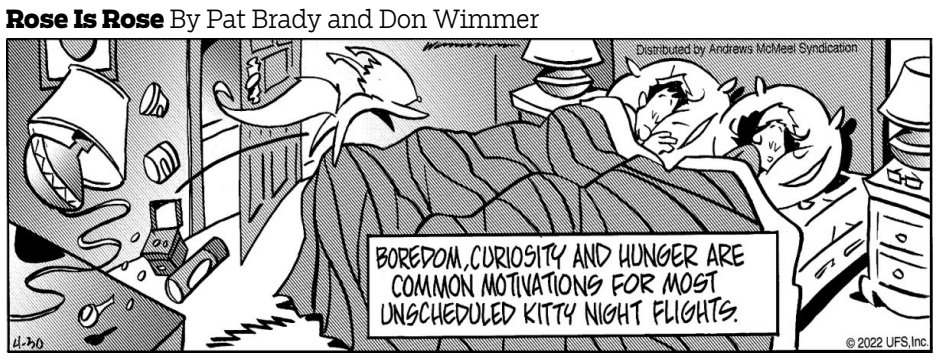
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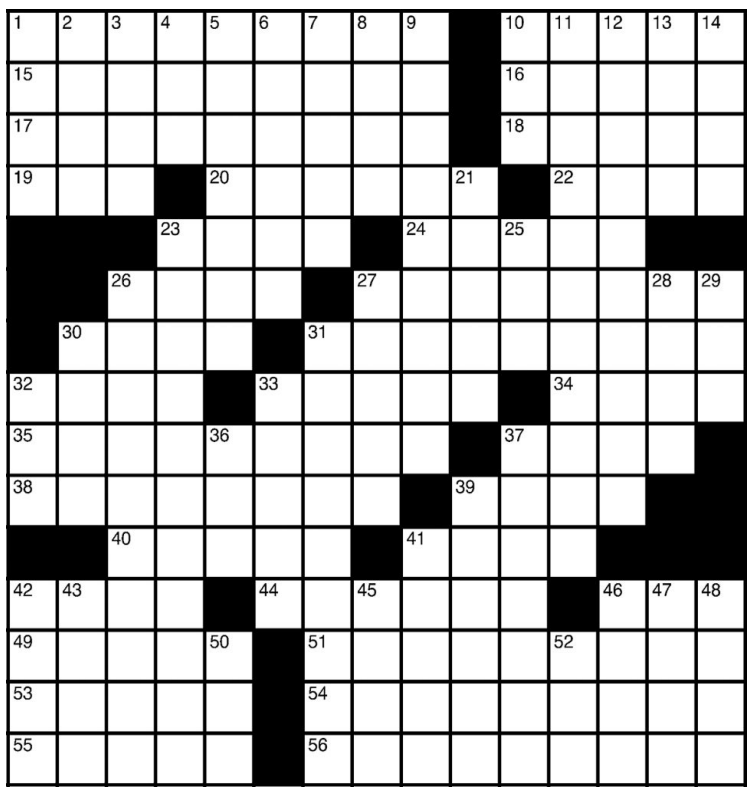
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By Lindsey Hobbs — Tribune Content Agency 4/30/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 2
♥ 9 8 6
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q J 9 8 6

WEST
♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ 10 7 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ 7 4

EAST
♠ —
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K Q 8 6 5 4 3
♣ K 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9 7 6
♥ A K J 4
♦ —
♣ 10 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠			

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

Choosing among alternatives

This deal occurred many years ago in the Vanderbilt Teams. The final contract at both tables was six spades, and both Wests led the ace of diamonds.

At one table, declarer had 12 tricks salted away in almost no time at all. He ruffed the opening lead, drew trump and finessed the 10 of clubs. East won, and South had the balance with tricks to burn.

At the other table, declarer also ruffed the first diamond, drew trump and took the club finesse.

But here there was a critical variation: instead of taking the king, East, Fred Karpin, followed smoothly with the three! South then repeated the finesse, but this time it lost. Karpin exited with a diamond, and declarer later lost a heart to East's queen for down one.

Karpin's defense, though it might appear risky, was clearly correct. To take the first club amounted to a virtual concession of the contract. While ducking might cost his side a club trick, it kept alive the possibility of defeating the slam.

However, Karpin's excellent play notwithstanding, declarer still should have prevailed. He should have anticipated that East would play low on the first club whether or not he had the king. The fact that the first club finesse worked by no means guaranteed that West had the king.

After the first club held, South should have cashed the A-K of hearts, crossed to the club ace and led a heart toward the J-4. This approach would fail only if West had started with four or more hearts including the Q-10.

This holding was extremely unlikely. West was already known to hold four spades, presumably at least two clubs and, with 11 diamonds outstanding, had to have some length in that suit. West was therefore a strong favorite not to hold heart length, so the recommended play in hearts offered the best chance of success.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ALTSN

FTONE

RALSAY

BERAGL



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHILE SWOON LOCALE HUDDLE
Answer: When bats turned the small cave's chamber into a shrine, it was a — HALLOWED HOLLOW

TODAY'S SUDOKU

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		8				4		
	4		5	3				7
		2			1	9		
5				2	7			1
7								
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

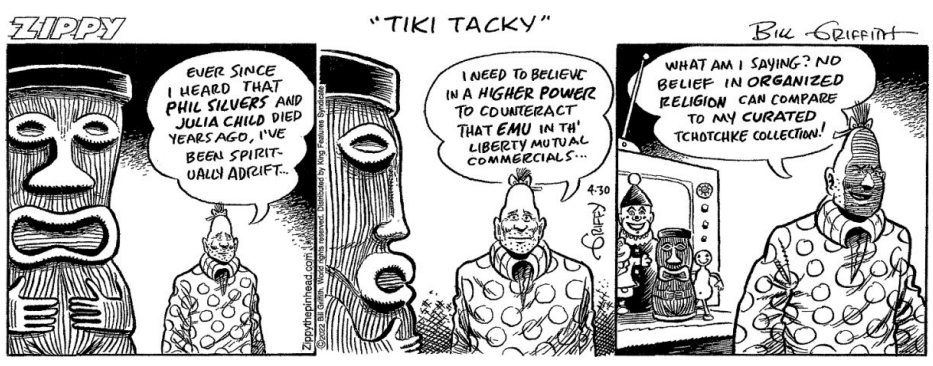
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PATRIOTS NFL DRAFT

Pats trade up to grab Baylor WR Thornton

By Andrew Callahan
Boston Herald

The Patriots wanted to get faster this offseason.

On Friday night, they may have added the new fastest player on their roster.

The Pats drafted Baylor wide receiver Tyquan Thornton at 50th overall, after moving up in a trade with Kansas City that cost them a second-rounder at No. 54 and fifth-round pick at No. 158.

Thornton is a deep threat with good, but small hands who can also return kicks.

He clocked a 4.28 in the 40-yard dash at the combine, one of the fastest times in the entire class, and posted some of the best marks in the broad and vertical jumps. Though he plays tougher, Thornton is rail thin at 6-foot-2, 181 pounds. Last season, he caught 62 passes for 948 yards and 10 touchdowns and made the All-Big 12 second team.

It's unclear if Thornton will be able to contribute much as a rookie, playing behind DeVante Parker, Kendrick Bourne, Jakobi Meyers and fellow speedster Nelson Agholor. The most optimistic pre-draft projections listed him as a possible third-round pick though most saw him falling in the fourth or fifth round. Thornton was the No. 155 player on The Athletic's consensus draft board, an average of all major media draft rankings that annually proves to be the most predictive board publicly available.

The Patriots selected Thornton over other wideouts in Georgia's George Pickens, Cincinnati's Alec Pierce, Western Michigan's Skyy Moore and Memphis product Calvin Austin III.

On Thursday, the Patriots made a move down the board, then another to replenish their offensive line, selecting guard Cole Strange with the 29th pick.

New England entered the night with needs to fill at linebacker and in its secondary, but chose to first fortify the protection up front around second-year quarterback Mac Jones.

Patience paid off for New England last year when it opted not to trade up during a quarterback-rich draft and still ended up getting its top target in Jones.

This year the Patriots were part of a flurry of first-round trades, dealing the 21st overall pick to Kansas City in exchange for the 29th pick, a third-round pick (94th overall) and fourth-round pick (121st overall).

It marked the 18th straight draft

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SUN

Team happy to present documentary on Thomas' recovery

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — Alyssa Thomas wasn't expecting such a big spectacle.

The red carpet was rolled out in a swanky setting at Novelle at Mohegan Sun on Thursday night, complete with Connecticut Sun players, coaches and team personnel all dressed in formal attire.

Thomas was a bit camera shy as she posed for photos and walked the red carpet, not one to flaunt down the runway like some of her teammates. The two-time WNBA All-Star forward doesn't like being the center of attention, but the premiere of "The Comeback," a short documentary produced by the team's content department, was all about Thomas — as it should be.

Thomas' improbably short nine-month recovery from a torn Achilles tendon was something to be celebrated, and that's exactly what the Sun did at the special event.

"For them to do this for me is a huge honor," Thomas said. "It speaks volumes to what this organization is about. I'm just happy for my teammates and coaches to be a part of this."

"The Comeback" was directed by Grant Livingston, the Sun's director of content. The film, which will eventually be released to the public, gives a behind-the-scenes look at Thomas' rehab process, from when she tore her Achilles on Jan. 11, 2021 while overseas in the Czech Republic to her Sept. 15, 2021, return to WNBA action.

The documentary features insight from Sun head athletic trainer Nicole Alexander and strength and conditioning coach Analisse Rios, who worked with Thomas, along with Thomas' parents, teammates, head coach Curt Miller and other players around the league, including former UConn star and Seattle Storm forward Breanna Stewart, who also suffered a torn Achilles injury.

Livingston and various members of the Sun's content and media team spent nearly a year working on the project.

The idea formed a couple of weeks after Thomas returned to training camp in 2021,

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL



UConn coach Dan Hurley motions to players during the first half against New Mexico State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y., on March 17. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

SYSTEMS MANAGER

Huskies coach Hurley believes new four-out, one-in offensive scheme will pay dividends



East Carolina guard Tristen Newton brings the ball upcourt against Houston during the first half of their game Jan. 22 in Houston. **JUSTIN REX/AP**

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley wants to go back to his roots next season with the implementation of the four-out, one-in motion offense.

Hurley ran the offense, which places four players on the perimeter and one inside the post, during his six-year tenure at Rhode Island but hasn't in his four seasons with UConn.

"The way we've played the last couple of years was determined by who our best players were," he said. "In terms of having this core group of Isaiah Whaley, Tyrese Martin, and R.J. Cole, our frontcourt, in particular, our best players, have been Isaiah and Adama Sanogo. When Isaiah played the four, he was truly one of our very best players. We had to find a way of playing him.

"It's really the last couple of years here and because the strength of our team was a great center Adama and Whaley, it put us in more of a three and a half around two or whatever you want to call it."

This offseason the Huskies' roster has had quite an overhaul, with eight players gone from the 2021-22 team. Whaley and forward Tyler Polley exhausted their eligibility, while guards Cole and Martin declared their intention to go pro. In addition, Akok Akok, Rahsool Diggins, Corey Floyd Jr. and Jalen Gaffney, entered their names in the NCAA transfer portal.

Diggins will play at UMass while Floyd joins Big East rival Providence. On Wednesday, Gaffney announced he will transfer to Florida Atlantic. Akok has not made a decision yet.

UConn filled up two scholarship spots with the addition of East Carolina guard Tristen Newton and Virginia Tech guard Nahiem Alleyne. Four roster spots remain

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducharme in recovery from successful hip surgery

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball guard Caroline Ducharme underwent successful surgery on her left hip, the team announced Friday.

Thursday's procedure was for an injury Ducharme suffered before coming to UConn, according to the team. She started the rehab process on Friday and is expected to be ready for the 2022-23 preseason.

Ducharme, who was a freshman for the Huskies this past season, alluded to the surgery on Thursday night. She posted a video on her Instagram story lying in bed surrounded by teammates and family members as she recovered. She then added a photo with the caption, "Lol it's not my birthday. It's the birthday of my new hip."

Per a photo posted by Ducharme's father, Todd, Paige Buckers, Aaliyah Edwards, Nika Mühl, Dorka Juhász and Piath Gabriel were all with Ducharme following the surgery.

The 6-foot-2 guard from Milton, Massachusetts was UConn's

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UConn's Caroline Ducharme looks to pass to a teammate during the first half of a national semifinal against Stanford on April 1 in Minneapolis. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP**

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Kron provides offense, Hartley the pitching as Xavier drops Hand

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

It took all of five pitches for Xavier High star Drew Kron to set the tone for the game.

On a 2-2 count in the first inning, the UConn commit's bat connected for a home run and the first of 13 Falcon runs.

It started Xavier on its way to a 13-0 win at Hand's Polson Field, a game that was called after five innings by mercy rule. The Falcons' record improves to 8-2 overall while the Tigers fall to 8-3.

Kron went 3-for-4 with the home run and two doubles. The Xavier captain came into the game hungry for a dominant win.

"We were trying to set the tone hot and we wanted to come in here and dominate," he said. "That's what we did. It was a great team win and everybody was just picking the next guy up. After one guy got a hit, the next guy got a hit."

The Falcons finished with 16 hits over five innings. Three players had two RBIs each: JP Hosney, Brandon Gaer and John Fox.

Getting off to an early lead was

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 1), Sunday, 1 p.m.; NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 2), Tuesday, time TBD; NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 3), May 7, time TBD
Bruins: NHL First Round vs. TBD (Game 1), date/time TBD
Rangers: NHL First Round vs. TBD (Game 1), date/time TBD
Red Sox: at Orioles, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Angels, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Royals, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Royals, Sunday, 2 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Monday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Phillies, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Phillies, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Atlanta, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Harrisburg, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Harrisburg, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Binghamton, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Indy Eleven, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Loudoun United, May 7, 7 p.m.; N.Y. Red Bulls II, May 14, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
10:30 a.m.: NASCAR Cup Series DuraMAX Drydene 400 presented by RelaDyne, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
1 p.m.: FIA Formula E Racing Monaco. (Same-day Tape) CBS
1:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series A-Game 200. (Live) FS1
9 p.m.: Formula E World Championship- Round 6. (Same-day Tape) CBSSN
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Alabama at South Carolina. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: Boston College at Notre Dame. (Live) ACC
3 p.m.: Houston Astros at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
4 p.m.: Miami at Georgia Tech. (Live) ESPNU
4 p.m.: Los Angeles Angels at Chicago White Sox. (Live) FS1
6 p.m.: TCU at Florida State. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Auburn at Tennessee. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
8 p.m.: Ole Miss at Arkansas. (Live) ESPN2
8 p.m.: Santa Clara at San Diego. (Live) ESPNU
10 p.m.: Detroit Tigers at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live) SPRTNET
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
4 p.m.: Iverson Classic All-America Game. (Live) CBSSN
7:30 p.m.: First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) TNT
10 p.m.: First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) TNT
BOXING
10 p.m.: Top Rank Boxing: Valdez vs. Stevenson. (Live) ESPN
FOOTBALL
11:30 a.m.: UMass Spring Game. (Live) NESN
4 p.m.: USFL Football Tampa Bay Bandits vs Houston Gamblers. (Live) FOX
8 p.m.: USFL Football Birmingham Stallions vs New Orleans Breakers. (Live) FOX
GOLF
8 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Catalunya Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: Mexico Open at Vidanta, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Mexico Open at Vidanta, Third Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: Insperity Invitational, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
6 p.m.: Palos Verdes Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
8:30 a.m.: 2022 IIHF U-18 World Championship First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
12:30 p.m.: 2022 IIHF U-18 World Championship Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
3 p.m.: Vegas Golden Knights at St. Louis Blues. (Taped) NHL
4:30 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Taped) NHL
LACROSSE
12 p.m.: Women's College: Maryland at Michigan. (Live) ESPNU
2 p.m.: Harvard at Yale. (Live) ESPNU
2 p.m.: Women's College: Brown at Harvard. (Live) NESN
MOTORCYCLE RACING
3 p.m.: AMA Supercross Series Monster Energy Series, Round 16. (Live) NBC
OUTDOORS
9 a.m.: Fishing Sport Fishing Championship. (Live) CBSSN
SOCCER
6:30 a.m.: FA Women's Super League Manchester United vs Brighton & Hove Albion. (Live) CNBC
7:30 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Newcastle United vs Liverpool. (Live) USA
8:55 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer AC Monza 1912 vs Benevento. (Live) FSP
9:30 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer Mainz vs Bayern Munich. (Live) SPRTNET
10 a.m.: Premier League Aston Villa vs Norwich City. (Live) CNBC
10 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Watford vs Burnley. (Live) USA
12 p.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Pa.m.: vs Alessandria. (Same-day Tape) FSP
12:30 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Leeds United vs Manchester City. (Live) NBC
3:30 p.m.: Fútbol MLS Real Salt Lake vs. LA Galaxy. (Live) UNI
3:50 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship (Live) FSP
6 p.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer US Cremonese vs Ascoli. (Same-day Tape) FSP
7:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Atlas vs. Tigres UANL. (Live) UNI
8 p.m.: Mexico Primera Division Soccer Monterrey vs Tijuana. (Live) FSP
9:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División América vs. Cruz Azul. (Live) UNI
10 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship (Same-day Tape) FSP
12 a.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship (Same-day Tape) FSP
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YANKEES NOTES

Hicks back with team after birth of his son

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

KANSAS CITY — Aaron Hicks was back with the team and in the lineup Friday night, after a whirlwind trip home for the birth of his son. The centerfielder and his wife Cheyenne Woods welcomed a son, Cameron, on Tuesday morning.

"She's doing very well. Yeah, her and Cameron are doing well. She is just recovering now. Just at home," Hicks said. "You know, we've got a lot of family there in Arizona. So that's why we chose to have her give birth there."

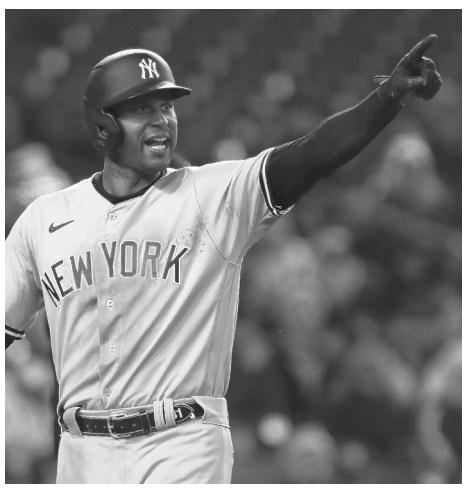
Hicks was hitting sixth Friday night for the series opener against the Royals at Kauffman Stadium.

"It's definitely nice getting him back, happy for him that everything's going well with the family," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I mean, he's obviously off to a pretty good start for us. And that switch-hitting presence that he creates is definitely nice. So good to have him back."

Hicks is off to a good start after missing time with injuries the last few years. Hicks is slashing .273/.377/.341 with a .718 OPS.

Cameron Hicks weighed eight pounds and was 20 inches long, his father said.

Still waiting: Miguel Andujar got called up on Monday when Hicks went on paternity leave, but has yet to get into a game. Boone said it's a good problem to have, but he just can't find a spot for Andujar.



Aaron Hicks returned to Yankees on Friday night. **DUANE BURLESON/GETTY**

"I almost played him today. I want to get him in there. I think he's in the best place. He's been in a couple of years. So I don't like not having him in there, but obviously, it's a little bit of a challenge right now," Boone said.

The Yankees optioned Ron Marinaccio Triple-AAA to make room on the roster to bring back Hicks after the right hander pitched in Thursday's win over the Orioles. That meant he would not be available Friday, so the Yankees decided to keep Andujar as an extra position player. But the Yankees will have to make two more cuts before Monday, when the rosters go from 28 players, an accommodation for the lockout-shortened spring training, to the normal 26.

In 13 games in Triple-A this season, Andujar has slashed .347/.396/.551 with three homers and six RBI. He has played left field and third base.

Cleaning up: Boone laughed off the viral video showing Gerrit Cole in his last start with a dark patch on his right backside, which some were insinuating was evidence that he was using sticky stuff.

"It's Gerrit Cole, it's the Yankees. It's much much ado about nothing," Boone said. "You get dirty. Guys have ticks, touch themselves."



The Mets' Drew Smith looks on during a game against the Phillies on Aug. 7, 2021, in Philadelphia. **DERIK HAMILTON/AP**

METS

Whatever it takes ...

Reliever Smith superstitiously drinks a Red Bull and takes two Advil before pitching

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Drew Smith is emerging as a reliable reliever for the Mets, and he's giving kudos to teammate Tylor Megill for a new in-game routine that has provided the "wings" for his success.

Smith carried a 0.00 ERA that dates back to spring training into Friday's series opener against the Phillies. The 28-year-old right-hander has not given up a run across three exhibition games and eight regular-season relief outings, a total of 10.1 scoreless innings.

Due to that early-season success, Smith is reluctant to part ways with an energy drink/painkiller program that has so far worked for him — a routine he borrowed from Mets pitcher Megill. Once Megill started throwing career-high 99 mph fastballs this spring, Smith asked the Mets starter how he was able to increase his velocity.

"Where did that come from?" Smith asked Megill. "He was like, 'You drink Red Bull?' "

Smith told Megill he does drink Red Bull, but he opts for the sugar-free version of the energy drink. Megill informed Smith, "That's where you're messing up." Ever since, Smith switched to the regular, original version of Red Bull and he paired it with another Megill-influenced remedy: two Advil liqui gels.

Now, Smith said his pre- and in-game routine is simple. He takes two Advil liqui gels before every game. Then he drinks one Red Bull in the top of the third inning — not a moment before, not a moment after — in the bullpen. And then depending on how Smith is feeling, he might take another Advil during the game, around the time he may be needed to pitch in relief.

"I'm hardcore on that," Smith said of the Red Bull/Advil combo that he refers to as The Megill Program. "It's probably a superstition kind of thing. If it's working, why change it?"

Hey, whatever works. Smith is one of 11 relievers in the majors to have tossed at least eight scoreless innings. He's held opposing batters to a .143 batting average to go along with that perfect ERA. Both the righty and his manager, Buck Showalter, like how Smith's changeup is playing against opposing hitters. Smith entered Friday having thrown 13 changeups, all to left-handed hitters, and no one has gotten a hit off it yet. Smith's 40% whiff rate on his changeup is his highest among others in a five-pitch arsenal.

Smith may not be throwing 99 mph fastballs like Megill, but he has seen an uptick in velocity (96 mph this season) that he mostly credits to having the confidence to throw harder being three years removed from Tommy John surgery.

"I'd like to think the Advil helps," Smith quipped.

RED SOX

Shaw cut, club brings up Cordero at first

By Steve Hewitt
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Travis Shaw's second stint with the Red Sox is over.

The Red Sox designated Shaw for assignment on Friday, ending a short spell with the veteran first baseman in which he failed to give them a productive bat off the bench. They called up Franchy Cordero to fill the spot, hoping they can tap into the potential they saw when they traded for him last winter.

Cordero was starting at first base and batting sixth for the Red Sox on Friday night as they opened a three-game series against the Orioles at Camden Yards.

Shaw, who was drafted by the Red Sox before spending his first two big-league seasons with them in 2015-16, returned late last season and showed some promise down the stretch. He re-signed in March on a minor league deal with a spring training invite and made the Opening Day roster as a left-handed first-base platoon option, but he gave them nothing.

In seven games, including five starts, Shaw went hitless in 19 at-bats. He struck out seven times and never reached base.

Shaw's struggles further demanded some kind of reshuffling at first base, which has been a black hole offensively to start the season. Through 20 games, Red Sox first basemen — Bobby Dalbec, the everyday starter, and Shaw — have combined to produce a .366 OPS, by far the worst mark in the majors.

The bar to make an impact is low for Cordero, who was acquired in the Andrew Benintendi trade last February but couldn't put it together in his first season with the Red Sox as he slashed .189/.237/.260 in 48 games, ultimately leading him to being designated for assignment. He cleared waivers and returned to the organization, and started this season in Worcester.

Martinez out again: J.D. Martinez missed his second consecutive game as he continues to nurse a nagging left adductor injury that he first suffered last week, but Cora expects him back on Saturday. The designated hitter appeared to reaggravate the injury when he hit a double in the eighth inning of Wednesday's 7-1 win over the Blue Jays, and was pinch hit for in the ninth.

Houck returns: In addition to the Shaw-for-Cordero swap, the Red Sox made a series of roster moves on Friday. Tanner Houck and Kutter Crawford, who were both ineligible to play in Toronto because they're unvaccinated, were activated from the restricted list. Houck, who spent the Toronto series in Fort Myers, was expected to piggyback Rich Hill in relief on Friday.

NHL ROUNDUP

Hunt's 3rd-period goal lifts Rangers past Capitals 3-2; Leafs top Bruins

Associated Press

Dryden Hunt scored the go-ahead goal in the third period, Alexandar Georgiev made 34 saves and the New York Rangers downed the visiting Washington Capitals 3-2 in the regular-season finale on Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

The Capitals' loss means the Pittsburgh Penguins take the No. 3 seed in the Metropolitan Division and will play the Rangers, who are in the postseason for the first time since 2017. Washington will go into the playoffs as the East's second wild card, and will match up with the Florida Panthers.

Hunt's sixth goal of the campaign came on a dazzling move to fool Capitals goaltender Ilya Samsonov at 6:42, with assists for Kaapo Kakko and Adam Fox.

After a scoreless first period, Filip Chytil opened the scoring for the Rangers at 3:26 of the second, sliding the puck past Samonov for his eighth goal of the season. Kakko and Schneider assisted.

But Washington took a 2-1 lead after defensemen Justin Schultz and John Carlson scored.

Rangers forward Alexis Lafreniere tied it up with his 19th goal of the season at 15:44 of the second, and Washington's Schultz responded 35 seconds later with his fourth goal with an assist to fellow defenseman Trevor Van Riemsdyk.

Both teams entered the contest on three-game losing streaks.

Samsonov had 30 saves in defeat as Washington finished with a league-best road record of 25-10-6.

Maple Leafs 5, Bruins 2: At Toronto, William Nylander scored twice and the Maple Leafs beat Boston in a regular-season finale with both teams resting most of their stars.

The Maple Leafs ensured they will face the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning in the first round, while the Bruins are set to meet the Carolina Hurricanes.

Toronto finished 54-21-7 for 115 points, 10 more than the previous franchise record set in 2017-18.

Ilya Mikheyev, Nick Abruzzese, with his first NHL goal, and Pierre Engvall, into an empty net, also scored for Toronto. Erik Kallgren made 24 saves.

Trent Frederic and Jake DeBrusk scored for Boston (51-26-5). Jeremy Swayman stopped 22 shots.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	13	6	.684	—	—	8-2	W-6	10-3	3-3
Toronto	13	7	.650	½	—	7-3	W-1	7-3	6-4
Tampa Bay	11	8	.579	2	—	7-3	W-2	8-5	3-3
Boston	8	12	.400	5½	3½	3-7	L-1	3-4	5-8
Baltimore	6	13	.316	7	5	3-7	L-4	3-3	3-10

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	11	8	.579	—	—	8-2	W-7	8-4	3-4
Kansas City	7	10	.412	3	3	5-5	W-1	5-5	2-5
Chicago	7	11	.389	3½	3½	1-9	L-1	5-4	2-7
Cleveland	7	12	.368	4	4	3-7	L-7	3-3	4-9
Detroit	6	12	.333	4½	4½	2-8	L-5	4-8	2-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	13	7	.650	—	—	7-3	W-5	8-5	5-2
Seattle	11	8	.579	1½	—	7-3	L-2	7-2	4-6
Houston	10	9	.526	2½	1	5-5	W-3	2-4	8-5
Oakland	10	9	.526	2½	1	5-5	W-1	4-3	6-6
Texas	6	13	.316	6½	5	4-6	L-3	2-8	4-5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	14	6	.700	—	—	7-3	L-1	5-2	9-4
Miami	10	8	.556	3	1	7-3	W-5	4-3	6-5
Philadelphia	10	10	.500	4	2	6-4	W-4	8-5	2-5
Atlanta	9	11	.450	5	3	4-6	W-1	6-7	3-4
Washington	6	15	.286	8½	6½	2-8	L-8	3-11	3-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	13	7	.650	—	—	8-2	W-3	5-3	8-4
St. Louis	11	7	.611	1	—	6-4	W-2	5-3	6-4
Chicago	8	11	.421	4½	3½	3-7	L-1	4-6	4-5
Pittsburgh	8	11	.421	4½	3½	3-7	L-3	4-5	4-6
Cincinnati	3	16	.158	9½	8½	1-9	L-3	1-7	2-9

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
San Francisco	13	6	.684	—	—	6-4	L-1	5-3	8-3
Los Angeles	12	6	.667	½	—	6-4	L-2	6-1	6-5
San Diego	13	7	.650	½	—	8-2	W-3	6-4	7-3
Colorado	10	9	.526	3	1½	4-6	L-4	6-4	4-5
Arizona	8	12	.400	5½	4	5-5	L-1	5-7	3-5

BOX SCORES

LATE THURSDAY: MIAMI 3, WASHINGTON 2

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Berti 2b	2	0	1	1	1	.353
Aguilar dh	3	0	0	0	1	.203
Soler lf	4	0	0	0	1	.171
Cooper 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.273
Garcia rf	4	0	1	0	0	.183
Anderson 3b	4	1	1	0	2	.250
Rojas ss	2	2	0	0	0	.163
Stallings c	1	0	0	0	0	.184
De La Cruz cf	2	0	0	0	1	.286
a-Sanchez ph-cf	2	0	1	1	1	.284
Henry c	2	0	0	0	1	.000
b-Wendle ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	.321
TOTALS	**32**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**9**	
Washington	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
C.Hernandez 2b	4	1	2	1	0	.258
Soto rf	2	0	0	0	1	.243
Bell 1b	4	0	1	1	2	.328
Cruz dh	3	0	0	0	0	.160
1-Thomas pr	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Y.Hernandez lf	4	0	0	0	1	.289
Franco 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.263
Adams c	3	0	0	0	0	.100
c-Ruiz ph	1	0	0	0	0	.262
Fox ss	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Robles cf	3	1	1	0	0	.152
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**6**	

Miami	**001 000 200**	**—**	**3**	**5**	**1**
Washington	**100 000 010**	**—**	**2**	**4**	**2**

a-singled for De La Cruz in the 7th. b-pinch hit for Henry in the 7th. c-grounded out for Adams in the 9th. 1-ran for Cruz in the 9th.
E: Anderson (3), Fox (2), Robles (3).
LOB: Miami 6, Washington 5.
2B: Berti (2), Cooper (4), Anderson (4), Bell (4), Robles (4), C.Hernandez (5).
RBIs: Berti (1), Sanchez (10), Bell (14), C.Hernandez (3).
SB: Wendle (4), Berti (1). **CS:** Berti (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Miami 4(Soler 3, Garcia); Washington 2(Bell, Y.Hernandez).
RISP: Miami 2for 9; Washington 2for 6.
GIDP: Bell.
DP: Miami 1(Rojas, Berti, Cooper).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
T.Rogers, W, 1-3	6	2	1	1	2	4	5.09
Bass, H, 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.80
Bleier, H, 2	⅔	2	1	1	1	0	6.23
Sulser, S, 1-1	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	1.04
WASHINGTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Corbin, L, 0-4	6	4	3	2	2	8	8.69
Arano	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.64
Voth	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
J.Rogers	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.60

Pitches-Strikes: Rogers 91-58; Bass 8-5; Bleier 13-8; Sulser 22-15; Corbin 90-62; Arano 16-10; Voth 7-6; Rogers 8-6.
Batters Faced: Rogers 21; Bass 3; Bleier 5; Sulser 5; Corbin 25; Arano 5; Voth 3; Rogers 3.
Inherited runners-scored: Sulser 2-0, Arano 2-2.
HBP: Corbin (Rojas), Arano (Berti).
WP: T.Rogers, Arano. **PB:** Henry (1).
Umpires: Home, Chris Segal; First, Dan Merzel; Second, Bill Welke; Third, Mike Muchlinski. T: 2:46. **A:** 12,454(41,339).

LATE THURSDAY: PHILADELPHIA 7, COLORADO 1

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Joe 1b	5	0	0	0	2	.270
Blackmon rf	3	0	0	0	0	.262
Grichuk cf	4	0	0	0	3	.327
Cron dh	4	0	1	0	2	.280
McMahon 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.242
Iglesias ss	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Hilliard lf	2	0	1	1	0	.250
Trejo 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.259
Nunez c	0	0	0	0	0	.154
a-Diaz ph-c	2	0	0	0	1	.245
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**10**	
Philadelphia	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Segura 2b	4	0	1	1	1	.259
Hoskins 1b	3	0	0	1	1	.206
Harper dh	3	0	1	1	1	.276
Castellanos rf	2	1	0	1	1	.319
Realmuto c	3	1	0	0	1	.290
Bohm 3b	4	1	1	2	1	.326
Vierling lf	3	1	0	0	2	.154
Gregorius ss	4	1	0	0	1	.311
Quinn cf	2	2	1	1	0	.333
TOTALS	**28**	**7**	**4**	**7**	**9**	

Colorado	**000 000 100**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**2**
Philadelphia	**011 100 40x**	**—**	**7**	**4**	**1**

a-flied out for Nunez in the 7th.
E: McMahon (4), Joe (1), Hand (1).
LOB: Colorado 9, Philadelphia 4.
2B: Cron (5). **3B:** Hilliard (1).
HR: Bohm (2), off Gomber.
RBIs: Hilliard (3), Bohm 2(14), Hoskins (6), Quinn (1), Segura (5), Harper (14), Castellanos (12).
SB: Quinn 2 (2), Realmuto (3).
CS: Harper (1). **SF:** Hoskins.
Runners left in scoring position: Colorado 3(Joe 2, Iglesias); Philadelphia 3(Gregorius, Realmuto 2). **RISP:** Colorado 1for 8; Philadelphia 1for 7.
Runners moved up: Bohm. **GIDP:** Joe.
DP: Philadelphia 1(Segura, Hoskins).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gomber, L, 1-2	6	3	3	2	1	6	3.86
Kinley	⅔	1	4	2	3	0	2.25
Lawrence	1⅓	0	0	0	1	3	1.69
PHILADELPHIA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Wheeler, W, 1-3	6	1	0	0	4	7	5.79
Hand, H, 3	⅓	3	1	1	0	0	2.08
Norwood, H, 1	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.38
Bellatti	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.80
Jones	1	0	0	0	1	2	9.64

Pitches-Strikes: Gomber 88-57; Kinley 27-12; Lawrence 21-14; Wheeler 90-62; Hand 15-11; Norwood 3-2; Bellatti 22-14; Jones 23-12.
Batters Faced: Gomber 22; Kinley 7; Lawrence 6; Wheeler 22; Hand 4; Norwood 2; Bellatti 5; Jones 4.
Inherited runners-scored: Lawrence 3-2, Norwood 2-0.
HBP: Lawrence (Harper).
Umpires: Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, CB Bucknor; Second, Stu Scheuwater; Third, Jeff Nelson.
T: 3:08. **A:** 20,098(42,792).

LATE THURSDAY: N.Y. YANKEES 10, BALTIMORE 5

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins dh	4	1	0	0	0	.205
Santander rf	5	0	0	0	1	.222
Mancini 1b	5	1	2	1	1	.236
Hays lf	5	1	4	1	0	.279
Odor 2b	5	1	3	1	2	.200
Mateo ss	4	0	1	0	2	.238
McKenna cf	4	1	2	1	2	.250
Bemboom c	3	0	0	0	2	.130
a-Urias ph	0	0	0	0	0	.203
Gutierrez 3b	5	0	2	1	2	.148
TOTALS	**40**	**5**	**14**	**5**	**12**	
NY Yankees	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
LeMahieu 2b	5	3	1	0	0	.313
Judge rf	5	2	2	4	1	.296
Rizzo 1b	5	0	2	1	1	.290
Stanton dh	4	0	1	1	2	.243
Donaldson 3b	4	0	1	1	1	.197
Gallo lf	3	1	0	0	3	.153
Locastro cf	2	2	1	0	0	.286
Gonzalez ss	3	1	1	2	1	.250
Higashioka c	3	1	1	0	0	.128
TOTALS	**34**	**10**	**10**	**9**	**9**	

Baltimore	**011 000 003**	**—**	**5**	**14**	**5**
N.Y. Yankees	**000 041 14x**	**—**	**10**	**10**	**0**

a-walked for Bemboom in the 9th.
E: Gutierrez 2(3), Mateo 2(4), Baumann (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 13, New York 6.
2B: Hays 3(7), McKenna (2), Odor 2(4), Mancini (4), Rizzo (4), Gonzalez (1), LeMahieu (4). **HR:** Judge (5), off Fry.
RBIs: Gutierrez (3), Mancini (8), Hays (9), Odor (5), McKenna (2), Gonzalez 2(2), Judge 4(10), Rizzo (19), Stanton (13), Donaldson (5).
SB: Locastro (3). **CS:** Locastro (1).
SF: Gonzalez. **S:** Bemboom.
Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 9(Gutierrez, McKenna 2, Mancini, Odor 3, Mullins 2); New York 2(Gallo, Stanton).
RISP: Baltimore 4for 15; New York 6for 15. **Runners moved up:** Mancini, Judge.
GIDP: Donaldson, LeMahieu.
DP: Baltimore 2(Gutierrez, Odor, Mancini; Gutierrez, Mancini).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Zmmrmnn, L, 1-1	4⅓	5	4	0	1	5	0.93
Baker	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	5.62
Baumann	1⅔	3	2	1	2	0	6.14
Fry	1⅓	1	4	3	1	4	10.29
NY YANKEES	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Taillon	4⅔	7	2	2	1	4	3.26
Castro, W, 2-0	⅓	1	0	0	1	1	2.45
Peralta, H, 2	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	2.45
Loaisiga, H, 3	1⅓	1	0	0	0	3	6.75
Green	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.32
Marinaccio	⅔	4	3	3	0	2	11.25
Luetge	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	5.68

Inherited runners-scored: Baker 2-1, Fry 2-0, Castro 1-0, Loaisiga 2-0, Luetge 1-0.
HBP: Taillon (Mullins), Fry (Higashioka). **WP:** Baumann, Fry, Taillon(2), Marinaccio.
Umpires: HP, Ted Barrett; 1B, Lance Barksdale; 2B, Nic Lentz; 3B, Nestor Ceja. T: 3:51. **A:** 29,268(47,309).

LATE THURSDAY: TORONTO 1, BOSTON 0

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Story 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.224
Verdugo lf	4	0	1	0	1	.254
Devers 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.277
Hernandez cf	4	0	1	0	1	.197
Bradley Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	1	.161
Arroyo ss	3	0	1	0	0	.194
Dalbec 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.154
Shaw dh	2	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Bogaerts dh	1	0	0	0	0	.392
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	1	.209
TOTALS	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**8**	
Toronto	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Springer dh	3	0	0	0	0	.288
Bichette ss	4	0	1	0	1	.212
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	1	1	0	0	.274
Tapia rf	3	0	0	0	0	.210
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.219
Kirk c	4	0	2	1	0	.265
Espinal 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.262
Katoh 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.143
Zimmer cf	3	0	0	0	1	.080
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**5**	

Boston	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Toronto	**001 000 00x**	**—**	**1**	**6**	**0**

a-grounded out for Shaw in the 8th.
E: Arroyo (1). **LOB:** Boston 5, Toronto 9.
2B: Hernandez (8), Chapman (4).
RBIs: Kirk (2).
SB: Espinal (3), Arroyo (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Boston 2(Shaw, Dalbec); Toronto 4(Chapman, Kirk, Springer, Espinal).
RISP: Boston 0for 5; Toronto 1for 8.
Runners moved up: Bradley Jr., Tapia.

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Whitlock, L, 1-1	3	4	1	0	2	2	0.54
Davis	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	2.89
Schreiber	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Brasier	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Barnes	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.40
Robles	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
TORONTO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Manoah, W, 4-0	7	3	0	0	1	7	1.44
Cimber, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.80
Romano, S, 9-10	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.74

Pitches-Strikes: Whitlock 61-41; Davis 14-7; Schreiber 22-12; Brasier 10-7; Barnes 11-7; Robles 13-10; Manoah 92-63; Cimber 10-7; Romano 12-9.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Whitlock 8-1; Davis 1-1; Schreiber 2-2; Brasier 1-0; Barnes 1-1; Robles 1-2; Manoah 4-9; Cimber 2-0; Romano 1-0.
Batters Faced: Whitlock 16; Davis 3; Schreiber 5; Brasier 3; Barnes 3; Robles 4; Manoah 25; Cimber 3; Romano 4.
Inherited runners-scored: Schreiber 1-0.
Umpires: Home, Larry Vanover; First, Dan Bellino; Second, David Rackley; Third, Sean Barber.
T: 2:42. **A:** 23,144(53,506).

LATE THURSDAY: KANSAS CITY 5, WHITE SOX 2 (10)

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lopez ss	3	1	0	0	1	.255
Merrifield 2b	5	1	0	0	0	.127
Benintendi lf	3	1	2	2	0	.393
Perez dh-c	5	0	0	0	4	.200
Santana 1b	2	1	0	0	1	.104
Witt Jr. 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.206
Isbel rf	4	0	2	2	0	.400
Taylor cf	4	0	0	0	1	.174
Gallagher c	3	1	1	0	0	.267
a-Olivares ph	0	0	0	0	0	.154
Barlow p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Clarke p	0	0	0	0	0	---
TOTALS	**34**	**5**	**6**	**4**	**8**	
White Sox	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Anderson ss	4	0	0	0	1	.288
Vaughn lf	3	0	1	0	0	.300
Sheets rf	4	0	0	0	1	.227
Engel rf	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.206
Grandal dh	3	0	1	0	1	.173
1-Harrison dh	1	1	0	0	1	.094
Burger 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.277
Pollock cf	3	0	0	1	0	.182
McGuire c	3	0	0	0	1	.167
Garcia 2b	3	1	1	1	0	.114
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**7**	

Kansas City	**100 010 000 3—**	**5**	**6**	**0**
Chi. White Sox	**000 001 010 0—**	**2**	**5**	**0**

a-hit by pitch for Gallagher in the 9th. 1-ran for Grandal in the 8th. **LOB:** Kansas City 10, Chicago 3. **2B:** Benintendi (1). **HR:** Garcia (1), off Keller.
RBIs: Benintendi 2(10), Isbel 2(2), Garcia (1), Pollock (2).
SB: Witt Jr. (4). **SF:** Benintendi, Pollock.
Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 6(Witt Jr., Gallagher 2, Taylor 3); Chicago 1(Pollock). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 10; ChW 1for 4. **Runners moved up:** Isbel. **GIDP:** Merrifield, Burger, Sheets.
DP: Kansas City 2(Lopez, Merrifield, Santana; Santana, Lopez, Santana); Chicago 1(Anderson, Garcia, Abreu).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	7	3	1	1	0	3	2.19
Staumont, BS, 2-4	1	2	1	1	0	0	4.00
Barlow, W, 2-0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.93
Clarke, S, 1-2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.12
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Kopech	5	3	2	2	4	3	1.42
Banks	2	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Ruiz	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.70
Bummer, L, 0-1	1⅔	1	3	1	2	2	7.04
Foster	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.04

Inherited runners-scored: Foster 1-0.
HBP: Bummer (Olivares). **WP:** Staumont, Banks. **PB:** McGuire (1).
Umpires: Home, Will Little; First, Greg Gibson; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Rob Drake. T: 3:20. **A:** 11,242(40,615).

LATE THURSDAY: TAMPA BAY 2, SEATTLE 1

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Frazier 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.244
France 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.365
Winker lf	2	0	0	0	1	.159
Suarez dh	4	0	1	1	2	.254
Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	3	.343
Toro 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.158
Rodriguez cf	3	0	1	0	1	.194
Kelenic rf	3	0	0	0	1	.140
b-Murphy ph	1	0	0	0	1	.417
Torrens c	3	0	1	0	1	.235
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**10**	
Tampa Bay	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Margot rf	3	0	1	0	1	.275
Kiermaier cf	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Franco ss	3	0	0	0	0	.307
Diaz 1b	3	0	2	0	0	.294
B.Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.183
Ramirez dh	2	2	1	0	0	.357
J.Lowe lf	2	0	1	0	0	.170
a-Arozarena lf	1	0	0	0	1	.200
Walls 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.257
Phillips cf-rf	3	0	2	2	0	.233
Pinto c	3	0	0	0	1	.333
TOTALS	**27**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**5**	

Seattle	**100 000 000**	**—**	**1**	**6**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**010 000 10x**	**—**	**2**	**7**	**1**

a-struck out for J.Lowe in the 8th.
b-struck out for Kelenic in the 9th.
E: Pinto (2). **LOB:** Seattle 7, Tampa Bay 7. 3B: Suarez (1).
RBIs: Suarez (11), Phillips 2(4).
SB: Rodriguez 2 (8), Phillips (3), Franco (2). **CS:** Margot (1). **S:** J.Lowe.
Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 4(Suarez, Crawford, Kelenic, Murphy); Tampa Bay 3(Arozarena 2, Pinto).
RISP: Seattle 2for 8; Tampa Bay 2for 7.
Runners moved up: France, Walls 2.
L**IDP:** Kelenic, Franco. **GIDP:** Suarez, Walls.
DP: Seattle 2(France; Frazier, Crawford, France); Tampa Bay 2(Franco, Diaz, Franco; Walls, B.Lowe, Diaz).

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Flexen, L, 1-3	6⅔	6	2	2	2	4	3.38
Castillo	⅔	1	0	0	2	0	2.08
Misiewicz	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	2.08
TAMPA BAY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Springs	2⅔	3	1	1	0	3	0.93
Adam	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	1.12
Beeks	2	2	0	0	1	2	0.00
Feyereisen, W, 1-0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Poche, H, 3	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	2.45
Thompson, S, 2-2	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Castillo 1-0, Misiewicz 2-0, Adam 1-0, Thompson 1-0. **IBB:** off Adam (Winker). **HBP:** Adam (Rodriguez). **WP:** Adam, Beeks.
Umpires: HP, Shane Livensparger; 1B, Tom Hallion; 2B, Phil Cuzzi; 3B, Cory Blaser. T: 3:04. **A:** 6,749(25,000).

LATE THURSDAY: ATLANTA 5, CHICAGO CUBS 1

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ortega dh	3	0	1	0	0	.217
a-Schwindel dh	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	2	.311
Happ lf	4	0	1	0	2	.333
Wills.Cntrras c	3	0	0	0	1	.242
Villar 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.306
Rivas 1b	1	1	0	0	1	.462
Heyward cf	2	0	1	0	0	.286
Wisdom 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.224
Hoerner ss	2	0	0	0	0	.305
TOTALS	**27**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**10**	
Atlanta	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Acuna Jr. rf	5	0	1	0	2	.200
Olson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.315
Riley 3b	4	1	1	1	1	.274
Ozuna dh	4	1	2	0	0	.269
Albies 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.228
d'Arnaud c	4	1	2	1	0	.321
Duvall cf	4	1	1	2	1	.200
Demeritte lf	4	0	2	0	1	.357
Swanson ss	3	1	2	1	1	.209
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**8**	

Chi. Cubs	**010 000 000**	**—**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Atlanta	**101 000 03x**	**—**	**5**	**11**	**0**

a-grounded out for Ortega in the 8th.
E: Wills.Contreras (1). **LOB:** Chicago 4, Atlanta 8. **2B:** d'Arnaud (3).
HR: Riley (5), off Smyly; Swanson (1), off Smyly; Duvall (1), off Roberts.
RBIs: Riley (10), Swanson (7), d'Arnaud (8), Duvall 2 (10).
SB: Acuna Jr. 2 (2), Swanson (2).
CS: Hoerner (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 1(Villar); Atlanta 6(Riley 4, Duvall, Acuna Jr.). **RISP:** Chicago 0for 5; Atlanta 2for 9. **Runners moved up:** Suzuki, Albies. LI**DP:** Ortega.
GIDP: Heyward. **DP:** Atlanta 2(Albies, Swanson, Albies; Swanson, Olson).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smyly, L, 1-2	4⅔	5	2	2	1	4	2.79
Effross	2	2	0	0	0	2	2.00
Martin	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	3.86
Roberts	1	4	3	3	0	2	7.71
ATLANTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Wright, W, 3-0	7	3	1	1	4	8	1.12
Minter, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.12
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.16

Pitches-Strikes: Smyly 66-44; Effross 24-16; Martin 5-2; Roberts 29-18; Wright 97-62; Minter 12-9; Smith 15-9.
Batters Faced: Smyly 20; Effross 8; Martin 2; Roberts 7; Wright 26; Minter 3; Smith 3
Inherited runners-scored: Effross 2-0, Martin 2-0. IBB: off Martin (Olson).
HBP: Wright (Hoerner).
Umpires: Home, Quinn Wolcott; First, Clint Vondrak; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Alfonso Marquez.
T: 2:49. **A:** 34,183(41,084).

LATE THURSDAY: ST. LOUIS 8, ARIZONA 3

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Varsho cf	5	0	1	0	2	.197
Smith rf	3	1	1	2	0	.264
Peralta lf	3	0	0	0	1	.226
Walker 1b	4	1	1	0	2	.157
Beer dh	4	0	0	0	1	.283
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.135
C.Kelly c	4	0	1	1	1	.109
Ahmed ss	4	1	2	0	0	.313
Perdomo 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.179
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**7**	
St. Louis	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Edman 2b	4	3	2	2	0	.323
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	3	3	0	.296
Donovan 1b	1	0	1	0	0	.250
O'Neill lf	3	0	1	2	0	.194
Arenado 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.382
Sosa 3b	1	0	0	0	1	.200
Dickerson rf	4	0	1	1	0	.206
Carlson dh	4	0	0	0	2	.203
Bader cf	3	2	2	0	0	.250
Molina c	4	1	2	0	0	.200
Knizner c	0	0	0	0	0	.259
DeJong ss	3	1	1	0	1	.146
TOTALS	**35**	**8**	**15**	**8**	**4**	

Arizona	**000 000 021**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**1**
St. Louis	**230 003 00x**	**—**	**8**	**15**	**0**

E: Varsho (1). **LOB:** Arizona 7, St. Louis 9. **2B:** Walker (3), Ahmed (2).
HR: Smith (1), off Brooks.
RBIs: Smith 2(6), C.Kelly (1), O'Neill 2 (12), Dickerson (7), Edman 2(11), Goldschmidt 3(9). SB: Bader (5), Molina (1).
SF: O'Neill 2, Dickerson.
Runners left in scoring position: Arizona 3(Varsho 2, Walker); St. Louis 3 (Dickerson 2, Goldschmidt).
RISP: Arizona 1for 6; St. Louis 5for 11.
Runners moved up: Peralta, Beer, Molina, Edman.
GIDP: Edman.
DP: Arizona 1(Marte, Ahmed, Walker).

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castellanos, L, 1-1	2	5	5	5	1	0	5.79
Martin	3⅓	6	3	3	0	2	4.35
Widener	1⅔	2	0	0	1	1	3.38
Holton	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00
ST. LOUIS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Hudson, W, 2-1	6	1	0	0	3	4	2.75
Brooks	2⅔	4	3	3	0	2	7.71
Wittgren	⅓	1	0	0	1	1	1.69

Inherited runners-scored: Widener 2-2, Wittgren 1-0.
HBP: Castellanos (DeJong).
Umpires: Home, Charlie Ramos; First, Alan Porter; Second, Mark Wegner; Third, Jeremie Rehak.
T: 3:01. **A:** 33,464(45,494).

SATURDAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2022			2021 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Sea	Ray (L)		2-1	3.91	3-1	2-0	12.0	1.50	1-1	18.1	4.91
Mia	Luzardo (L)	6:10p	1-1	3.77	1-2	1-0	3.0	0.00	1-1	14.1	3.77
Atl	Elder (R)		1-2	4.30	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	14.2	4.30
Tex	Dunning (R)	7:05p	0-1	4.91	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	13.1	4.73
Det	Brieske (R)		0-1	5.40	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	5.0	5.40
LAD	Kershaw (L)	10:10p	3-0	2.65	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.0	2.65

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2022			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Hou	Garcia (R)		1-0	4.60	3-0	0-0	6.0	7.50	1-0	15.2	4.60
Tor	Berríos (R)	3:07p	1-0	4.91	4-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	18.0	3.00
LAA	Suarez (L)		0-1	5.54	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	13.0	5.54
ChW	Velasquez (R)	4:05p	0-2	6.75	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	12.0	6.75
Cle	Bieber (R)		1-1	2.82	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.2	3.57
Oak	Irvin (L)	4:07p	2-1	3.32	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.1	2.20
Min	Archer (R)		0-0	3.18	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	11.1	3.18
TB	McClanahan (L)	4:10p	1-1	2.46	2-2	1-0	5.1	3.38	1-1	17.2	3.06
Bos	Eovaldi (R)		1-0	3.32	2-2	1-1	16.1	2.20	1-0	16.2	2.70
Bal	Watkins (R)	7:05p	0-0	2.77	1-2	0-1	7.0	9.00	0-0	13.0	2.77
NYY	Cole (R)		1-0	4.00	3-1	0-0	7.0	2.57	1-0	14.0	3.21
KC	Hernández (R)	7:10p	0-0	6.43	1-2	0-0	8.2	3.12	0-0	14.0	6.43

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2022			2021 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Ari	Kelly (R)		1-1	1.69	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.1	2.08
StL	Mikolas (R)	2:15p	1-0	1.21	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	18.2	0.48
Was	Adon (R)		1-3	6.98	1-3	0-1	4.0	11.25	1-2	15.0	6.60
SF	Webb (R)	4:05p	2-1	2.96	3-1	1-0	6.2	4.05	2-1	18.1	3.44
SD	Manaea (L)		2-2	3.47	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	16.1	4.96
Pit	Brubaker (R)	6:35p	0-2	6.46	2-2	0-0	5.0	3.60	0-1	12.1	5.11
ChC	Steele (L)		1-2	5.40	2-2	1-0	5.0	0.00	0-2	10.0	8.10
Mil	Lauer (L)	7:10p	1-0	2.20	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	16.1	2.20
Phi	Gibson (R)		2-1	3.47	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.1	4.96
NYM	Walker (R)	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-0	2.0	0.00	0-1	11.1	6.35
Cin	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Col	Kuhl (R)	8:10p	2-0	1.10	3-0	0-1	6.0	7.50	2-0	16.1	1.10

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Boston at Baltimore, late
Houston at Toronto, late
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, late
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, late
Atlanta at Texas, late
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, late
Cleveland at Oakland, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Baltimore, 1:05p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1:10p.m.
Houston at Toronto, 1:37p.m.
L.A. Angels at Chi. White Sox, 2:10p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 2:10p.m.
Atlanta at Texas, 2:35p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 4:07p.m.
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 2, Seattle 1
Minnesota 7, Detroit 1
Houston 3, Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees 10, Baltimore 5
Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 2(10)
Toronto 1, Boston 0
L.A. Angels 4, Cleveland 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
San Diego at Pittsburgh, late
Seattle at Miami, late
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, late
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, late
Arizona at St. Louis, late
Cincinnati at Colorado, late
Detroit at L.A. Dodgers, late
Washington at San Francisco, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1:35p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 1:40p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 2:10p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 2:15p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:10p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 4:05p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:08p.m.
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 2
Miami 3, Washington 2
San Diego 7, Cincinnati 5
Philadelphia 7, Colorado 1
Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 1
St. Louis 8, Arizona 3

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Angels:** Angels right-hander Noah Syndergaard was scratched from his scheduled start against the White Sox on Friday night because of an undisclosed illness. Right-hander Jimmy Herget got the start in place of Syndergaard against Lucas Giolito in the opener of a four-game series. Manager Joe Maddon said Syndergaard "wasn't feeling well," but wouldn't elaborate on the symptoms the 6-foot-6 pitcher was experiencing. Should the Angels and White Sox be forced to play a doubleheader Sunday — heavy rain is forecast for Saturday in Chicago — Maddon hinted Syndergaard might be available to start one of the games. Syndergaard is 2-0 with a 1.04 in his first two starts with the Angels in a comeback attempt. The former All-Star signed a one-year, $21 contract with Los Angeles in November after being limited to only two innings the past two years following Tommy John surgery in March 2020. Herget (1-0, 6.48) will make his first start this season in what figures to be a bullpen game. Syndergaard is the fourth Angels player to miss time because of an illness this season, joining Mike Trout, Anthony Rendon and Brandon Marsh. The Angels activated infielder David Fletcher from the 10-day injured list and placed him in the lineup at shortstop. Fletcher has been out since April 11 with a hip injury. Fletcher had an injection in his hip and was activated from the injured list before Friday's series opener against Chicago. He had been on the 10-day injured list since April 12 after leaving the April 11 game against Miami in the seventh inning. Infielder Jack Mayfield was optioned to Triple-A to make room for him on the roster.

■ **Rockies:** Rockies placed struggling left fielder Kris Bryant on the 10-day injured list Friday because of back pain. The move is retroactive to Tuesday, and Bryant won't be eligible to return until May 6 at Arizona. Bryant, who signed a $182 million, seven-year free-agent deal in March, is still looking for his first home run with the Rockies. He's batting .281 with four RBIs and 12 strikeouts in 65 plate appearances. An MRI Friday showed no structural issues. Manager Buddy Black said Bryant has been experiencing back soreness since a week ago in Detroit and believes it has affected his early performance. "He would never tell you that, but I do think it has limited him," Black said. The Rockies recalled infielder Elehuris Montero from Triple-A Albuquerque to replace Bryant. He was expected to arrive sometime during Friday's game against the Reds. Sam Hilliard was to start in left field Friday night. "It was just the soreness — we felt it wasn't getting better to the point where we felt he was going to be able to play in the next couple of days," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "That should give him, we hope, ample time to get healthy and feel good about where he is physically with his back." With improved health and timing, and with his body getting used to the altitude and into the swing of the season, Bryant is looking for the big swing that will unlock his power. "Everybody wants to see numbers go up super-fast," he said. "It's important to be patient, not get too emotional about it one way or the other. You could be hitting a bunch, then have three games where you're not hitting a bunch, and that is a downward spiral and you don't want to get in that position, either.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

APRIL 30
1903: The New York Highlanders won their home opener at Hilltop Park, 6-2 over Washington.
1919: Philadelphia's Joe Oeschger and Brooklyn's Burleigh Grimes pitched complete games in a 9-9, 20-inning tie. Both teams scored three runs in the 19th inning. Oeschger gave up 22 hits and walked five, while Grimes allowed 15 hits and walked five.
1922: Charlie Robertson of the Chicago White Sox pitched a 2-0 perfect game against the Detroit Tigers. Johnny Mostil, playing left field for the only time, made two outstanding catches.
1940: James "Tex" Carleton of the Brooklyn Dodgers threw a 3-0 no-hitter at Cincinnati.
1944: In the first game of a doubleheader split, New York first baseman Phil Weintraub drove in 11 runs and player-manager Mel Ott scored six runs as the Giants beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 26-8. Brooklyn won the nightcap 5-4.
1946: Bob Feller struck out 11 New York Yankees en route to his second of three career no-hitters, a 1-0 victory at Yankee Stadium.
1958: Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox became the 10th major leaguer to reach 1,000 extra-base hits in a 10-4 loss to the Kansas City Athletics at Fenway Park.
1961: Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants hit four home runs and drove in eight runs in a 14-4 victory over the Braves in Milwaukee. Hank Aaron hit two homers for the Braves.
1967: Steve Barber and Stu Miller of the Baltimore Orioles combined on a no-hitter in a 2-1 loss to the Detroit Tigers in the first game of a doubleheader.
1969: Jim Maloney of the Cincinnati Reds struck out 13 en route to a 10-0 no-hitter over the Houston Astros, the third of his career.
1988: New York and Cincinnati hooked up in a wild game at Riverfront Stadium, with the Mets winning 6-5 on a delayed call by first base umpire Dave Pallone. The call resulted in a $10,000 fine and 30-day suspension of Reds manager Pete Rose when Pallone accidentally poked Rose in the cheek and Rose shoved Pallone twice.
1994: Toronto's Joe Carter finished April with 31 RBIs to set a major league record for the month. Colorado's Andres Galarraga finished with 30 to set a National League record.
2002: Al Leiter cruised through seven three-hit innings in the New York Mets' 10-1 rout of Arizona to become the first pitcher to beat all 30 teams in the majors.



The Sun's Alyssa Thomas (25) fouls the Sky's Courtney Vandersloot during the second half of Game 3 of a semifinal playoff game Oct. 3 in Chicago. **PAUL BEATY / AP**

Thomas

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about two months after the injury occurred. After talking with Thomas and hearing her story, Livingston knew he wanted to do something.

"You could tell that [Thomas] was going to come back," Livingston said. "She just had it in her eyes, as you can probably see in the documentary. Just wanted to capture that and give everyone a kind of behind-the-scenes look at what we get to see every day but not everyone really gets to see."

Livingston didn't want to take credit for the idea, saying that the documentary came to be through a series of different meetings across the organization.

The Sun hadn't done a long-form project like this before, and the content team spent a lot of time trying to figure out the best way to present Thomas' story. They began filming Thomas on a regular basis, not knowing at that point when the rehab process would end or what might take shape.

"We just had so much [footage], so then they just got this idea of like, 'Let's reach out to other athletes, like Stewie and Kelsey Plum that tore their Achilles, and let's reach out to her parents,' " Sun President Jen Rizzotti told the Hartford Courant. "Really try and make this more than just a comeback, like also get an inside peek of who she is as a person. Because even though this is a basketball story, it really is about Alyssa as a person.

"And that's what our mission was. We want to support our players as women and individuals, not just as basketball players — we want to be able to do both. And we thought this [documentary] was a great opportunity to showcase that."

Toward the beginning of the documentary Thomas, her parents and girlfriend/teammate DeWanna Bonner discuss how dark of a space Thomas was in right after her injury. She didn't leave her room for several days. As dark as that period was, Thomas wanted be vulnerable and share that journey through the film.

"A lot of people have injuries — some like this — and it is a hard process," Thomas said. "You are at your lowest point, which you will see in this video.

"I definitely talk about being at a low point and, you know, there are brighter days [ahead] and it's important for people to know that you just got to ride out the wave and have a great team behind you."

Alexander and Thomas didn't know each other before the surgery, as Alexander was recently hired, so they had to quickly establish trust. Alexander said she saw Thomas' determination right away, which allowed her to turn a typical one-year recovery time for an Achilles tear into just nine months.

"What's unique about AT is that same determination that she uses on the court she brought to rehab every day," Alexander said. "So when I challenged her with something and she didn't get it right the first day, she went home [and] she tried it until it got better. The way she was able to keep that perseverance is really impressive."

The documentary shows what those workouts looked like, even giving a glimpse of the first time Thomas was able to jump and run again. The moment when Thomas steps back onto the court for the first time was chilling.

Once the film ended Thomas was invited say a few words. The emotion was evident in her voice.

"I'm up her crying again because JJ [Jonquel Jones] and Courtney [Williams are] bawling," Thomas said. "I'm not wanting to have this spotlight on me like this, but I appreciate each and every one of you, you're all part of my recovery ... especially my teammates."

Ducharme

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fourth-leading scorer as a freshman, posting an average 9.8 points per game along with 3.2 rebounds and 1.3 assists in just 21.0 minutes per game.

Despite it being her first year in the program, Ducharme stepped up to keep the Huskies' season alive in the absence of Bueckers and Azzi Fudd due to injuries. From Dec. 11 to Feb. 2, Ducharme averaged 17.6 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.0 assists in just over 33 minutes per game. The stretch was highlighted by a huge game-winning shot at DePaul on Jan. 26.

But then Ducharme got injured and missed four games from Feb. 4 to Feb. 11. UConn head coach Geno Auriemma was vague about the injury at the time, saying Ducharme got hit hard three games in a row. A head injury was mentioned at one point, but tests showed she didn't have a concussion.

When Ducharme came back, she often didn't look like the same player and Auriemma didn't give her as many minutes on the floor — though she did still manage nine points in 22 minutes in the NCAA championship game against South Carolina. Ducharme often wasn't moving well down the stretch of the season, looking sluggish at times. The aggravation of the hip injury provides an explanation as to why.

UConn

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open.

With the new additions and the core of Sanogo, Jordan Hawkins and Andre Jackson, this new offensive style fits in well. The starting lineup could look like Newton, Alleyne, Hawkins, Jackson and Sanogo.

If that ends up being the starting lineup, the shortest player would be Alleyne, who is 6 feet 4. Last season, it was 6-foot-1 starting point guard Cole. It is one of the reasons UConn played two bigs on the floor in Whaley and Sanogo.

Hurley wants to take advantage of the spacing the four-out, one-in motion offense can provide.

"The biggest advantage is the spacing that you can play in on the offense end," he said. "Obviously, we are not playing small perimeter players or small guards. You are talking about 6-foot-4, 6-foot-6, 6-foot-5 and 6-foot-7 types of players. The switchability on defense and 1-4 at times. With guys like Alex Karaban and Samson Johnson have the agility to do that as well. It's about trying to put better spacing around some outstanding centers we have in Adama and Donovan Clingan."

With the departure of starting guards Cole and Martin, Hurley brought in Newton and Alleyne, who fit well into the offense with the spacing they provide. Alleyne shot 37.3% from the 3-point line this past season, and Newton shot a serviceable 33.3%.

The offense is built around players that can handle the ball while constantly making decisions on the fly, something both guards excel at.

"More guards can allow us to open up the floor," Hurley said. "Just having more weapons on the perimeter than we've had and, overall, more depth and weapons."

Hurley feels this roster mixed with this offense will allow him to play an optimal amount of players.

"When it's all said and done we are going to have a deep rotation," he said. "We're going to play the nine guys I like to play. Obviously, by the end of the year, we weren't playing close to that."

Hurley's seen the success Big East rival Villanova has had with this style of play.

"I've been coaching four perimeters out, one-in, pretty much my whole career," he said. "I don't think I am going to emulate anybody that has played this way because I've played this way for a large amount of time. You do see the success Villanova has had, Baylor had the year before with winning the national championship with four really skilled guys around the one interior guy."

Hurley believes the new offense with this roster will make some noise next season.

"I had some great teams in Rhode Island that could come at with you with so many perimeter weapons, but what I didn't have on those teams was dominant centers," he said. "I feel like I'm going to have my best team next season."

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Baseball

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a point of emphasis for Xavier head coach Nick Cerreta.

"We set goals for games and we wanted to get crooked numbers early to set the tone and give confidence to everybody in the lineup," he said. "We wanted to send (pitcher) Tyler Hartley out there with a lead."

Cerreta wasn't shocked about his team's offensive explosion.

"I told the guys I had a good feeling coming in," he said. "We had a great practice [Thursday]. These kids work hard and they want to win. They want to dominate. As a coach, what more can you ask for. They give me confidence."

From the start Xavier's batters were aggressive, jumping out to a 6-0 lead off Tigers pitcher Ryan Knight after two innings.

"We were aggressive in the zone," Cerreta said. "They were hungry and they jumped on fastballs. They got out early. They didn't bury themselves into pitcher's counts. They were in hitter's counts all day. We teach them to be aggressive in the zone and they did."

Meanwhile Hartley was equally dominant, allowing two hits with seven strikeouts.

Hartley had missed a start last week, so Cerreta wasn't sure what to expect.

"Tyler is our ace," Cerreta said. "He skipped a start. He's great, but sometimes you come back a little rusty. In the first inning, he hit a couple of batters and then he settled right in. He was the Tyler Hartley we expect and need. He's the leader of the staff. He proved it today."

NFL DRAFT ROUNDUP

Giants make 2 trades, take Kentucky WR Robinson in 2nd round

Courant Wires

After making two trades to pick up extra draft picks, the New York Giants took wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson of Kentucky in the second round of the NFL draft on Friday.

Robinson had a breakout season in 2021, catching 104 passes for 1,334 yards and seven touchdowns this past season. He gives the Giants an option in the slot should Sterling Shepard have trouble returning from an Achilles tendon injury late last season.

The Giants dropped down in both their second-round trades.

First, they traded the No. 36 pick overall to the Jets for No. 38 and a fifth-round pick. Just as quickly they dealt the 38th pick to Atlanta for the 43rd overall and an extra fourth-round choice.

The Jets took running back Breece Hall of Iowa State with the 36th pick and Atlanta took edge rusher Arnold Ebiketie of Penn State.

"We had deals in place before the draft started," Giants general manager Joe Schoen said, adding Robinson is a versatile piece who will fit into the offense.

Jets make a move up

The New York Jets moved up again and added another speedy playmaker to their offense.

Iowa State running back Breece Hall was taken with the 36th overall pick Friday night after the Jets acquired it from the Giants for their second-round selection — No. 38 — and a fifth-rounder.

The 6-foot-1, 220-pound Hall was a two-time All-American who set an Iowa State record with 56 touchdowns in three seasons, including 41 TD runs in the past two years.

The Wichita, Kansas, native could form a potentially potent 1-2 combination in the Jets' backfield with Michael Carter, a fourth-rounder last year who led the team in rushing. New York also has veteran Tevin Coleman, Ty Johnson, La'Mical Perine and Austin Walter on the roster.

"I know it's really running back-friendly," Hall said of coordinator Mike LaFleur's offense. "Just being able to touch the ball and have a lot of opportunities, that's all I need."

General manager Joe Douglas has made it his mission this offseason to surround second-year quarterback Zach Wilson with more playmakers to help boost his development — and the offense's production. Hall fits the bill, as does Ohio State wide receiver Garrett Wilson, who was the No. 10 overall pick Thursday night.

It has been a busy draft so far for the Jets, who took Cincinnati cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner at No. 4, Wilson six picks later and then traded back into the first round to select Florida State defensive end Jermaine Johnson at No. 26.

The opening night-haul was lauded by many fans and media as a massive success for a franchise that has the NFL's longest active playoff drought at 11 seasons.

When asked Thursday night if the Jets had a high grade on a player who hadn't yet been drafted, Douglas replied: "Absolutely, yes. Absolutely."

Apparently, Hall was one of them — so much so the Jets pulled off a trade with the team whom they share a home stadium.

"A three-down back," Hall said when asked what New York is getting by adding him. "A guy who can catch the ball, make people miss, run you over and somebody that plays hard. A person who's just as good off the field as he is on the field, so a guy who's going to impact the community and just be more than a football player."

Barring any other deals, New York has three more selections in this draft: a third-rounder (No. 101) and two fourth-rounders (Nos. 111 and 117).

A few hours before the second round began, the Jets were still buzzing about their trio of first-rounders — who were formally introduced at a news conference at the team's facility.

And, yes, Gardner was still wearing his diamond-encrusted "SAUCE" medallion.

The selections of Gardner, Wilson and Johnson marked the first time New York had at least three first-round picks since 2000, when the Jets drafted pass rushers Shaun Ellis and John Abraham, quarterback Chad Pennington and tight end Anthony Becht.

The current crew of first-rounders recognized that they will forever be linked — and will together carry the task of trying to help return the Jets to respectability. And more importantly, the postseason.

"We come from the limelight and it ain't nothing new to us," Johnson said. "We've been leaned on before as those guys on the team. I think we're going to attack it and be the best teammates we can be."

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that New England has made at least one draft-day trade.

"I'm glad Cole was there when we picked," coach Bill Belichick said. "He wouldn't have lasted much longer."

Strange said the Patriots were getting a player whose style is "aggressive and relentless."

"Aggressive and trying to play nasty," he said. "How the game of football is supposed to be played."

Belichick said they entertained various scenarios with their original No. 21 spot that included discussions with multiple teams.

The ultimate decision to make the deal with the Chiefs landed the Patriots the 6-foot-5, 307-pound Strange, a five-year starter at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga who was selected as a third-team FCS AP All-American for the Moccasins as a senior this season.

He met with the Patriots at both his Pro Day and at the Senior Bowl, where he reportedly stood out during the week of practice.

Strange believes that week was key in him proving he could play at the NFL level.

"I think the Senior Bowl helped me quite a bit," he said. "The week of exposure playing against guys from FCS schools, SEC schools, Big Ten schools showed scouts I was competitive enough."

He played guard and center in college and could be a candidate to fill some of New England's voids on the line after it traded right guard Shaq Mason and lost utility offensive lineman Ted Karras in free agency.

"He's long, he's athletic. He's physically tough. He's an aggressive player," Belichick said of the team's evaluation of Cole. "I think he has a good combination of skills, run and pass.. ... All of which will hopefully get better."

In addition to bolstering the O-line, injecting youth and speed into a defense that has been skewing older at linebacker will likely be a focus for New England in Days 2 and 3 of the draft. That became more evident following the decisions to release Kyle Van Noy and to not re-sign veterans Dont'a Hightower and Jamie Collins

The Patriots also are in need of depth in the secondary after letting cornerback J.C. Jackson leave during free agency.

New England has at least one pick in every round to help replenish its roster, including two picks each in the third and fourth rounds, and three picks in the sixth round. The Patriots begin Friday with one pick each in the second and third rounds.



Baylor wide receiver Tyquan Thornton runs the 40-yard dash at the NFL football scouting combine March 3 in Indianapolis. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP**

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
EAST CONFERENCE FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

#1 Miami 4, #8 Atlanta 1
April 17: Miami 115-91
April 19: Miami 115-105
April 22: Atlanta 111-110
April 24: Miami 110-86
April 26: Miami 97-94

#2 Boston 4, #7 Brooklyn 0
April 17: Boston 115-114
April 20: Boston 114-107
April 23: Boston 109-103
April 25: Boston 116-112

#3 Milwaukee 4, #6 Chicago 1
April 17: Milwaukee 93-86
April 20: Chicago 114-109
April 22: Milwaukee 111-81
April 24: Milwaukee 119-95.
April 27: Milwaukee 116-100

#4 Philadelphia 4, #5 Toronto 2
April 16: Philadelphia 131-111
April 18: Philadelphia 112-97
April 20: Philadelphia 104-101 (OT)
April 23: Toronto 110-102
April 25: Toronto 103-88
April 28: Philadelphia 132-97

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Miami vs. #4 Philadelphia
Monday: at Miami, TBD
Rest of series, TBD

#2 Boston vs. #3 Milwaukee
Sunday: at Boston, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: at Boston, TBD
May 7: at Milwaukee, TBD
May 9: at Milwaukee, TBD
x-May 11: at Boston, TBD
x-May 13: at Milwaukee, TBD
x-May 15: at Boston, TBD

WEST CONFERENCE FIRST ROUND
#1 Phoenix 4, #8 New Orleans 2
April 17: Phoenix 110-99
April 19: New Orleans 125-114
April 22: Phoenix 114-111
April 24: New Orleans 118-103
April 26: Phoenix 112-97
April 28: Phoenix 115-109

#2 Memphis 3, #7 Minnesota 2
April 16: Minnesota 130-117
April 19: Memphis 124-96
April 21: Memphis 104-95
April 23: Minnesota 119-118
April 26: Memphis 111-109
Friday: at Minnesota, late
x-Sunday: at Memphis, 3:30 p.m.

#3 Golden State 4, #6 Denver 1
April 16: Golden State 123-107
April 18: Golden State 126-106
April 21: Golden State 118-113
April 24: Denver 126-121
April 27: Golden State 102-98

#4 Dallas 4, #5 Utah 2
April 16: Utah 99-93
April 18: Dallas 110-104
April 21: Dallas 126-118
April 23: Utah 100-99
April 25: Dallas 102-77
April 28: Dallas 98-96

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Phoenix vs. #4 Dallas
Monday: at Phoenix, TBD
Rest of series, TBD

TENNIS

MUTUA MADRID OPEN
At Caja Magica, Madrid,
Red clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLESROUND OF 64
#4Maria Sakkari d.
Madison Keys, 6-7(8), 6-3, 6-4.
#6Danielle Collins d.
Monica Puig, 7-5, 6-0.
#7Garbine Muguruza d.
Ajla Tomljanovic, 7-5, 6-2.
#9Emma Raducanu d.
Tereza Martincova, 7-6(3), 6-0.
#12Jessica Pegula d.
Camila Giorgi, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.
Sara Sorribes Tormo d.
#13Ana. Pavlyuchenkova, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
#16Elena Rybakina d.
Oceane Dodin, 6-2, 7-5.
#17Leylah Annie Fernandez d.
Andrea Petkovic, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.
Jil Teichmann d.
Petra Kvitova, 6-3, 7-5.
Daria Kasatkina d.
Anna Bondar, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Marta Kostyuk d.
Clara Tauson, 6-3, 6-2.
Kaia Kanepi d.
Linda Fruhvirtova, 6-3, 6-4.
Katerina Siniakova d.
Ana Konjuh, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Bianca Andreescu d.
Alison Riske, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.
Anhelina Kalinina d.
Sloane Stephens, 7-5, 6-4.
Naomi Osaka d.
Anastasia Potapova, 6-3, 6-1.

ATP MILLENNIUM ESTORIL OPEN
At Clube de Tenis do Estoril,
Estoril, Portugal, Red clay-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#8 Sebastian Korda d.
#1 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-2, 6-2.
#5Frances Tiafoe d.
#4 A. Davidovich Fokina, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-5.
#6Albert Ramos-Vinolas d.
Fernando Verdasco, 6-2, 6-2.
Sebastian Baez d.
Richard Gasquet, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

ATP BMW OPEN BY AMERICAN EXPRESS
At MTTC Iphitos, Munich, Red-clay-out
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#8 Botic Van de Zandschulp d.
#2Casper Ruud, 7-5, 6-1.
#7Miomir Kecmanovic d.
#4Nikoloz Basilashvili, 7-6(5), 6-2.
Oscar Otte d.
Alejandro Tabilo, 6-1, 7-6(1).
Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune d.
Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-0, 6-2.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	0	1	7	368
Ryan Blaney	0	4	6	347
William Byron	2	4	4	334
Kyle Busch	1	3	7	312
Alex Bowman	1	2	6	309
Joey Logano	0	3	5	308
Kyle Larson	1	5	5	299
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	2	5	298
Ross Chastain	2	6	6	292
Aric Almirola	0	1	4	265
Kevin Harvick	0	1	4	252
Chase Briscoe	1	2	3	246
Austin Dillon	0	3	5	245
Christopher Bell	0	1	4	243
Tyler Reddick	0	3	4	242
Austin Cindric	1	1	2	238
Erik Jones	0	1	3	231
Kurt Busch	0	2	4	218
Daniel Suarez	0	2	3	218
Chris Buescher	0	0	2	196
Bubba Wallace	0	1	1	193
Justin Haley	0	0	0	183
Michael McDowell	0	0	3	181
Denny Hamlin	1	1	1	178
Ty Dillon	0	0	1	170
Cole Custer	0	0	0	167

ODDS

MLB SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
at St. Louis	-200	Arizona	+168
at San Francisco	-235	Washington	+194
San Diego	-180	at Pittsburgh	+158
at N.Y Mets	-122	Philadelphia	+103
at Milwaukee	-144	Chicago Cubs	+122
at Colorado	Off	Cincinnati	Off
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at Toronto	-140	Houston	+120
at Chi. White Sox	-120	LA Angels	+100
at Oakland	-152	Cleveland	+128
at Tampa Bay	Off	Minnesota	Off
at Baltimore	Off	Boston	Off
N.Y Yankees	-205	at Kansas City	+172
INTERLEAGUE			
Seattle	-125	at Miami	+105
Atlanta	-146	at Texas	+124
at LA Dodgers	-310	Detroit	+250

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
z-Florida	81	58	17	6	122	338	236
x-Toronto	82	54	21	7	115	315	253
x-Tampa Bay	81	50	23	8	108	281	229
x-Boston	82	51	26	5	107	255	220
Buffalo	82	32	39	11	75	232	290
Detroit	82	32	40	10	74	230	312
Ottawa	81	32	42	7	71	223	264
Montreal	81	21	49	11	53	211	317
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
y-Carolina	82	54	20	8	116	278	202
x-N.Y. Rangers	82	51	24	6	110	254	207
x-Pittsburgh	81	45	25	11	101	267	226
x-Washington	82	44	26	12	100	275	245
N.Y. Islanders	81	37	34	10	84	227	231
Columbus	81	37	37	7	81	259	295
New Jersey	82	27	46	9	63	248	307
Philadelphia	81	25	45	11	61	209	294

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
z-Colorado	81	56	18	7	119	311	230
x-Minnesota	81	52	22	7	111	306	252
x-St. Louis	81	49	21	11	109	307	235
x-Nashville	81	45	29	7	97	262	247
x-Dallas	81	45	30	6	96	234	244
Winnipeg	80	37	32	11	85	245	253
Chicago	82	28	42	12	68	219	291
Arizona	81	24	50	7	55	202	309
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
y-Calgary	81	50	20	11	111	292	205
x-Edmonton	81	48	27	6	102	287	250
x-Los Angeles	82	44	27	11	99	239	236
Vegas	81	42	31	8	92	259	244
Vancouver	81	40	30	11	91	247	233
San Jose	81	32	36	13	77	214	261
Anaheim	81	31	36	14	76	230	267
Seattle	80	26	48	6	58	210	281

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 5, New Jersey 3
Toronto 5, Boston 2
Buffalo 3, Chicago 2(OT)
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Columbus at Pittsburgh, late
Florida at Montreal, late
Ottawa at Philadelphia, late
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, late
Calgary at Winnipeg, late
Colorado at Minnesota, late
Vegas at St. Louis, late
Anaheim at Dallas, late
Vancouver at Edmonton, late
San Jose at Seattle, late
Nashville at Arizona, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled

SUNDAY'S GAME
Seattle at Winnipeg, 2p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Florida 4, Ottawa 0
Carolina 6, New Jersey 3
N.Y. Islanders 5, Washington 1
Columbus 5, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 5, Buffalo 0
Minnesota 3, Calgary 2(OT)
Edmonton 5, San Jose 4(OT)
Nashville 5, Colorado 4(OT)
Vancouver 3, Los Angeles 2(OT)

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	2	17	12	5
N.Y. Red Bulls	4	2	2	14	13	6
Orlando City	4	3	2	14	10	10
Atlanta	3	3	2	11	10	11
Toronto FC	3	3	2	11	15	17
CF Montréal	3	3	2	11	14	17
New York City FC	3	3	1	10	16	10
Charlotte FC	3	5	1	10	8	11
Inter Miami CF	3	4	1	10	9	16
Chicago	2	2	4	10	5	5
D.C. United	3	4	0	9	10	10
Columbus	2	3	3	9	10	9
New England	2	5	1	7	12	16
Cincinnati	2	5	1	7	9	16
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	6	1	1	19	19	8
Austin FC	5	1	2	17	20	7
LA Galaxy	5	2	1	16	10	6
FC Dallas	4	1	3	15	12	5
Minnesota United	4	2	2	14	11	6
Real Salt Lake	3	2	4	13	9	13
Houston	3	2	3	12	11	9
Nashville	3	3	2	11	8	9
Portland	2	2	5	11	10	13
Colorado	2	3	3	9	9	11
Seattle	2	4	1	7	9	11
Sporting KC	2	6	1	7	6	14
San Jose	1	4	3	6	15	20
Vancouver	1	6	1	4	6	17

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Austin FC at Houston, 1:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Toronto FC, 3p.m.
LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 3:30p.m.
Atlanta at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Miami at New England, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Chicago, 8p.m.
FC Dallas at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
San Jose at New York City FC, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at Nashville, 4p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles FC, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Toronto FC at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.

NWSL

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Angel FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gotham FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
OL Reign	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orlando	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
North Carolina at Angel City FC, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at Portland, 6p.m.
Louisville at Chicago, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
OL Reign at Washington, 5p.m.
San Diego Wave FC at Houston, 7p.m.
Gotham FC at Orlando, 7p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	33	25	5	3	80	21	80
Liverpool	33	24	7	2	85	22	79
Chelsea	33	19	9	5	68	28	66
Arsenal	33	19	3	11	52	40	60
Tottenham	33	18	4	11	56	38	58
Man United	35	15	10	10	54	52	55
West Ham	34	15	7	12	52	44	52
Wolverhampton	33	15	4	14	33	29	49
Newcastle	34	11	10	13	40	55	43
Leicester	32	11	9	12	47	51	42
Brighton	34	9	14	11	31	42	41
Brentford	34	11	7	16	41	49	40
Southampton	34	9	13	12	40	56	40
Crystal Palace	33	8	14	11	43	41	38
Aston Villa	32	11	4	17	42	46	37
Leeds	33	8	10	15	38	68	34
Burnley	33	6	13	14	29	45	31
Everton	32	8	5	19	34	55	29
Watford	33	6	4	23	31	67	22
Norwich	33	5	6	22	22	69	21

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Newcastle vs. Liverpool, 7:30a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Norwich, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
Watford vs. Burnley, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Brighton, 10a.m.
Leeds vs. Man City, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.
Tottenham vs. Leicester, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Arsenal, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Man United vs. Brentford, 3p.m.

NFL

NFL DRAFT
At Linq Promenade, Paradise, Nev.
THURSDAY'S FIRST ROUND
1. Jax: Travon Walker, DE, Georgia
2. Det: Aidan Hutchinson, DE, Michigan
3. Hou: Derek Stingley Jr., CB, LSU
4. NYJ: Ahmad Gardner, CB, Cincinnati
5. NYG: Kayvon Thibodeaux, DE, Oregon
6. Car: Ikem Ekwonu, OT, N.C. State
7. NYG: Evan Neal, OT, Alabama
8. Atl: Drake London, WR, USC
9. Sea: Charles Cross, OT, Mississippi St.
10. NYJ: Garrett Wilson, WR, Ohio State
11. NO: Chris Olave, WR, Ohio State
12. Det: Jameson Williams, WR, Alabama
13. Phi: Jordan Davis, DT, Georgia
14. Bal: Kyle Hamilton, S, Notre Dame
15. Hou: Kenyon Green, OG, Texas A&M
16. Was: Jahan Dotson, WR, Penn State
17. LAC: Zion Johnson, OG, Boston Coll.
18. Ten: Treylon Burks, WR, Arkansas
19. NO: Trevor Penning, OT, N. Iowa
20. Pit: Kenny Pickett, QB, Pittsburgh
21. KC: Trent McDuffie, CB, Washington
22. GB: Quay Walker, ILB, Georgia
23. Buf: Kaiir Elam, CB, Florida
24. Dal: Tyler Smith, OT, Tulsa
25. Bal: Tyler Linderbaum, C, Iowa
26. NYJ: Jermaine Johnson II, DE, Fla. St.
27. Jax: Devin Lloyd, ILB, Utah
28. GB: Devonte Wyatt, DT, Georgia
29. NE: Cole Strange, G, Chattanooga
30: KC: George Karlaftis, DE, Purdue
31. Cin: Daxton Hill, S, Michigan
32. Min: Lewis Cine, S, Georgia

FRIDAY'S SECOND ROUND
33. TB: Logan Hall, DT, Houston
34. GB: Christian Watson, WR, N. Dakota St.
35. Ten: Roger McCreary, CB, Auburn
36. NYJ: Breece Hall, RB, Iowa St.
37. Hou: Jalen Pitre, S, Baylor
38. Atl: Arnold Ebiketie, DE, Penn St.
39. Chi: Kyler Gordon, CB, Washington
40. Sea: Boye Mafe, DE, Minnesota
41. Sea: Kenneth Walker III, RB, Mich. St.
42. Min: Andrew Booth, CB, Clemson
43. NYG: Wan'Dale Robinson, WR, Kentucky
44. Hou: John Metchie III, WR, Alabama
45. Bal: David Ojabo, DE, Michigan
46. Det: Josh Paschal, DE, Kentucky
47. Was: Phidarian Mathis, DT, Alabama
48. Chi: Jaquan Brisker, S, Penn St.
49. NO: Alontae Taylor, CB, Tennessee
50. NE: Tyquan Thornton, WR, Baylor
51. Phi: Cam Jurgens, C, Nebraska
52. Pit: George Pickens, WR, Georgia
53. Ind: Alec Pierce, WR, Cincinnati
54. KC: Skyy Moore, WR, W. Michigan
55. Ari: Trey McBridge, TE, Colorado St.
56. Dal: Sam Williams, DE, Mississippi
57. TB: Luke Goedeke, OT, C. Michigan
58. Atl: Troy Anderson, LB, Montana St.
59. Min: Ed Ingram, G, LSU
60. Cin: Cam Taylor-Britt, CB, Nebraska
61. SF: Drake Jackson, DE, USC
62. KC: Bryan Cook, S, Cincinnati
63. Buf: James Cook, RB, Georgia
64. Den: Nik Bonitto, LB, Oklahoma

FRIDAY'S THIRD ROUND
65. Jax: Luke Fortner, C, Kentucky
66. Min: Brian Asamoah, LB, Oklahoma
67. NYG: Joshua Ezeudu, G, N. Carolina
68. Cle: Martin Emerson, CB, Miss. St.
69. Ten: Nicholas Petit-Frere, OT, Ohio St.
70. Jax: Chad Muma, LB, Wyoming
71. Chi: Velus Jones Jr., WR, Tennessee
72. Seattle Seahawks
73. Indianapolis Colts
74. Atlanta Falcons
75. Denver Broncos
76. Baltimore Ravens
77. Indianapolis Colts
78. Cleveland Browns
79. L.A. Chargers
80. Houston Texans
81. N.Y. Giants
82. Atlanta Falcons
83. Philadelphia Eagles
84. Pittsburgh Steelers
85. New England Patriots
86. Las Vegas Raiders
87. Arizona Cardinals
88. Dallas Cowboys
89. Buffalo Bills
90. Tennessee Titans
91. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
92. Green Bay Packers
93. San Francisco 49ers
94. New England Patriots
95. Cincinnati Bengals
96. Denver Broncos
97. Detroit Lions
98. Washington Commanders
99. Cleveland Browns
100. Arizona Cardinals
101. N.Y. Jets
102. Miami Dolphins
103. Kansas City Chiefs
104. L.A. Rams
105. San Francisco 49ers

SATURDAY'S FOURTH ROUND
106. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
107. Houston Texans
108. Cleveland Browns
109. Seattle Seahawks
110. Baltimore Ravens
111. N.Y. Jets
112. N.Y. Giants
113. Washington Commanders
114. N.Y. Giants
115. Denver Broncos
116. Denver Broncos
117. N.Y. Jets
118. Cleveland Browns
119. Baltimore Ravens
120. Washington Commanders
121. New England Patriots
122. Minnesota Vikings
123. L.A. Chargers
124. Cleveland Browns
125. Miami Dolphins
126. Las Vegas Raiders
127. New England Patriots
128. Baltimore Ravens
129. Dallas Cowboys
130. Baltimore Ravens
131. Tennessee Titans
132. Green Bay Packers
133. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
134. San Francisco 49ers
135. Kansas City Chiefs
136. Cincinnati Bengals
137. Carolina Panthers
138. Pittsburgh Steelers
139. Baltimore Ravens
140. Green Bay Packers
141. Baltimore Ravens
142. L.A. Rams
143. Tennessee Titans

SATURDAY'S FIFTH ROUND
144. Carolina Panthers
145. Seattle Seahawks
146. N.Y. Giants
147. N.Y. Giants
148. Chicago Bears
149. Carolina Panthers
150. Chicago Bears
151. Atlanta Falcons
152. Denver Broncos
153. Seattle Seahawks
154. Philadelphia Eagles
155. Dallas Cowboys
156. Minnesota Vikings
157. Jacksonville Jaguars
158. New England Patriots
159. Indianapolis Colts
160. L.A. Chargers
161. New Orleans Saints
162. Houston Texans
163. Tennessee Titans
164. Las Vegas Raiders
165. Las Vegas Raiders
166. Houston Texans
167. Dallas Cowboys
168. Buffalo Bills
169. Tennessee Titans
170. Houston Texans
171. Green Bay Packers
172. San Francisco 49ers
173. N.Y. Giants
174. Cincinnati Bengals
175. L.A. Rams
176. Dallas Cowboys
177. Detroit Lions
178. Dallas Cowboys
179. Indianapolis Colts

Round 6-7: Saturday
Note: Selections subject to trades

USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	34	34
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	47	46
Michigan	0	2	0	.000	18	27
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	26	47
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	57	20
Birmingham	2	0	0	1.000	61	52
Houston	1	1	0	.500	45	45
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	20	37

WEEK 3
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay at Houston, 4p.m.
Pittsburgh at Michigan, 8p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Birmingham at New Orleans, 2:30p.m.
New Jersey at Philadlephia, 8p.m.

GOLF

LATE THURSDAY: PGA MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA
1st of 4 rounds, The Norman Course at Vidanta Vallarta, Vallarta, Mexico
7,456 yards; Par: 71

Jonathan Byrd	29-35—64	-7
Kurt Kitayama	32-32—64	-7
Trey Mullinax	30-34—64	-7
Bryson Nimmer	32-32—64	-7
Jon Rahm	32-32—64	-7
Brendon Todd	30-34—64	-7
Scott Brown	31-34—65	-6
Aaron Rai	33-32—65	-6
Sahith Theegala	31-34—65	-6
Aaron Wise	33-32—65	-6
Ryan Blaum	32-34—66	-5
Hayden Buckley	31-35—66	-5
Brandon Hagy	32-34—66	-5
Charles Howell III	33-33—66	-5
Sebastian Munoz	33-33—66	-5
Andrew Novak	33-33—66	-5
C.T. Pan	33-33—66	-5
Patrick Rodgers	33-33—66	-5
Greyson Sigg	32-34—66	-5
Alex Smalley	33-33—66	-5
Cameron Champ	33-34—67	-4
Michael Gligic	31-36—67	-4
Ben Griffin	31-36—67	-4
Scott Gutschewski	32-35—67	-4
John Huh	32-35—67	-4
Satoshi Kodaira	33-34—67	-4
Hank Lebioda	34-33—67	-4
Adam Long	34-33—67	-4
Pat Perez	33-34—67	-4
Chez Reavie	33-34—67	-4
Patrick Reed	32-35—67	-4
Chase Seiffert	34-33—67	-4
Gary Woodland	33-34—67	-4
Wesley Bryan	32-36—68	-3
Wyndham Clark	34-34—68	-3
Joshua Creel	36-32—68	-3
Brett Drewitt	33-35—68	-3
Robert Garrigus	32-36—68	-3
Lee Hodges	33-35—68	-3
Mark Hubbard	35-33—68	-3
Sung Kang	32-36—68	-3
Kelly Kraft	32-36—68	-3
Anirban Lahiri	34-34—68	-3
Peter Malnati	35-33—68	-3
Alvaro Ortiz	31-37—68	-3
Sang-Moon Bae	34-35—69	-2
Greg Chalmers	35-34—69	-2
Tommy Gainey	36-33—69	-2
Stephan Jaeger	35-34—69	-2
Nate Lashley	32-37—69	-2
David Lipsky	35-34—69	-2
D.A. Points	34-35—69	-2
Davis Riley	35-34—69	-2
Adam Schenk	34-35—69	-2
David Skinns	36-33—69	-2
Michael Thompson	35-34—69	-2
Peter Uihlein	33-36—69	-2
Camilo Villegas	33-36—69	-2
Jared Wolfe	34-35—69	-2
Brandon Wu	34-35—69	-2
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	35-35—70	-1
Paul Barjon	33-37—70	-1
Armando Favela	36-34—70	-1
Brice Garnett	32-38—70	-1
Bill Haas	34-36—70	-1
Jeffrey Kang	37-33—70	-1
Ben Kohles	34-36—70	-1
Justin Lower	33-37—70	-1
Graeme McDowell	35-35—70	-1
Kevin Na	33-37—70	-1
Seung-Yul Noh	33-37—70	-1
Carlos Ortiz	33-37—70	-1
Scott Piercy	33-37—70	-1
J.T. Poston	36-34—70	-1
Nick Taylor	32-38—70	-1
Cameron Tringale	34-36—70	-1
Matt Wallace	34-36—70	-1
Abraham Ancer	36-35—71	E
Joseph Bramlett	34-37—71	E
Austin Cook	34-37—71	E
Ben Crane	35-36—71	E
Tony Finau	35-36—71	E
Lanto Griffin	35-36—71	E
James Hahn	33-38—71	E
Matt Jones	35-36—71	E
Taylor Moore	33-38—71	E
Andrew Putnam	34-37—71	E
Chad Ramey	34-37—71	E
Kevin Streelman	34-37—71	E
Brian Stuard	35-36—71	E
Adam Svensson	35-36—71	E
D.J. Trahan	35-36—71	E
Kevin Tway	35-36—71	E
Richy Werenski	34-37—71	E
Dylan Wu	36-35—71	E

LATE THURSDAY: LPGA PALOS VERDES CHAMPIONSHIP
1st of 4 rounds, Palos Verdes Golf Club, Palos Verdes, Calif., 6,258 yards, Par 71

Minjee Lee	31-32—63	-8
Jin Young Ko	30-34—64	-7
Jennifer Chang	31-34—65	-6
Charley Hull	31-34—65	-6
Moriya Jutanugarn	32-33—65	-6
Gemma Dryburgh	32-34—66	-5
Albane Valenzuela	31-35—66	-5
Ayaka Furue	32-35—67	-4
Hannah Green	33-34—67	-4
Megan Khang	34-33—67	-4
Ruixin Liu	30-37—67	-4
Pauline Roussin-Bouchard	35-32—67	-4
Ana Belac	36-32—68	-3
Allisen Corpuz	33-35—68	-3
Janie Jackson	33-35—68	-3
Agathe Laisne	34-34—68	-3
Min Lee	33-35—68	-3
Ryann O'Toole	37-31—68	-3
Annie Park	31-37—68	-3
Kelly Tan	34-34—68	-3
Hye Jin Choi	34-35—69	-2
Olivia Cowan	32-37—69	-2
Amanda Doherty	34-35—69	-2
Ally Ewing	34-35—69	-2
In-Kyung Kim	34-35—69	-2
Katherine Kirk	36-33—69	-2
Lydia Ko	34-35—69	-2
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	35-34—69	-2
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	36-33—69	-2
Amy Olson	33-36—69	-2
Sophia Schubert	34-35—69	-2
Sarah Jane Smith	35-34—69	-2
Jasmine Suwannapura	33-36—69	-2
Patty Tavatanakit	38-31—69	-2
Lexi Thompson	35-34—69	-2
Alana Uriell	32-37—69	-2

PGA CHAMPIONS INSPERITY INVITATIONAL
1st of 3 rounds, The Woodlands CC, The Woodlands, Texas; 7,002 yards; Par: 72

Steven Alker	34-33—67	-5
Ernie Els	32-35—67	-5
Steve Stricker	34-33—67	-5
Woody Austin	34-34—68	-4
Shane Bertsch	34-34—68	-4
Chris DiMarco	34-34—68	-4
Retief Goosen	35-33—68	-4
Miguel Angel Jimenez	35-33—68	-4
Brandt Jobe	34-34—68	-4
Tim Petrovic	34-34—68	-4
Scott Verplank	35-33—68	-4
Fred Couples	34-35—69	-3
Joe Durant	35-34—69	-3
Scott McCarron	36-33—69	-3
Alex Cejka	34-36—70	-2
K.J. Choi	35-35—70	-2
Ken Duke	34-36—70	-2
Paul Goydos	37-33—70	-2
Bernhard Langer	35-35—70	-2
Tom Lehman	34-36—70	-2
Corey Pavin	36-34—70	-2
Kevin Sutherland	35-35—70	-2
Stephen Ames	37-34—71	-1
John Daly	39-32—71	-1
Bob Estes	36-35—71	-1
Lee Janzen	36-35—71	-1
Jeff Maggert	36-35—71	-1
Rocco Mediate	36-35—71	-1
Colin Montgomerie	35-36—71	-1
Vijay Singh	36-35—71	-1
David Toms	35-36—71	-1
Duffy Waldorf	35-36—71	-1
Mike Weir	36-35—71	-1

CATALUNYA CHAMPIONSHIP
2nd of 4 rounds, Stadium Course, Girona, Spain, 7,353yards; Par: 72

Laurie Canter	70-67—137	-7
Oliver Bekker	66-72—138	-6
James Morrison	67-71—138	-6
Thomas Bjorn	69-70—139	-5
Ivan Cantero Gutierrez	71-68—139	-5
Ryan Fox	71-68—139	-5
Daniel Gavins	69-70—139	-5
Adrien Saddier	70-69—139	-5
Maverick Antcliff	72-68—140	-4
Darren Fichardt	66-74—140	-4
Ricardo Gouveia	69-71—140	-4
Sebastian Heisele	67-73—140	-4
Mikko Korhonen	70-70—140	-4
Thorbjorn Olesen	69-71—140	-4
Marcel Schneider	71-69—140	-4
Ewen Ferguson	71-70—141	-3
Nicolai Hojgaard	69-72—141	-3
Raphael Jacquelin	71-70—141	-3
Pablo Larrazabal	72-69—141	-3
David Law	72-69—141	-3
Richard Mansell	70-71—141	-3
Richard McEvoy	69-72—141	-3
Niklas Norgaard Moller	71-70—141	-3
N. Von Dellingshausen	70-71—141	-3
Jeff Winther	66-75—141	-3



76ers' Joel Embiid reacts to the Raptors bench during Game 6 on Thursday at Scotiabank Arena in Toronto, Canada. **COLE BURSTON/GETTY**

NBA PLAYOFFS

Embiid fears come true

Associated Press

Joel Embiid feared this would be the case. Turns out, he was right.

The 76ers announced Friday night that Embiid — the NBA scoring champion and an MVP finalist — has a right orbital fracture and a mild concussion. Those injuries, for now anyway, have him listed as out on the injury report and will keep him there for the foreseeable future.

The 76ers open an Eastern Conference semifinal series at Miami on Monday night.

The injuries stem from a hit Embiid took with 3:58 left of Thursday night's game in Toronto, when the 76ers were up by 29 points and well on their way to getting an East first-round-clinching win over the Raptors. He got hit in the face by a driving Pascal Siakam, and immediately took several steps back in obvious pain.

Embiid checked out moments later. Now, nobody knows when he'll play again. He sat down for a postgame interview with NBA TV immediately following the game, and one of the first questions he got was about how he was feeling.

"I think he might have broken my face," Embiid said. "It's all good. It's the playoffs."

Thing is, it wasn't all good. And Embiid's diagnosis was spot on.

Barring a significant change, it would appear Embiid won't be able to start this series — at minimum. A similar fracture, to his left orbital bone, kept him out for about three weeks late in the 2017-18 season. He needed surgery and missed 10 games, including the first two games of a playoff series against the Heat. Embiid led the 76ers with averages of 30.6 points, 11.7 rebounds and assists and 1.5 blocks per game during the regular season. And even though he's bothered by a right thumb ligament injury that will require offseason surgery, he also averaged 26.2 points and 11.3 rebounds in the six games against the Raptors.

He's one of three finalists for MVP, along with Denver's Nikola Jokic and Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo. And earlier Friday, when the Heat began practice in preparation for the series with the 76ers, Miami coach Erik Spoelstra raved about Embiid.

"He's extremely skilled," Spoelstra said. "You're talking about somebody that has great physicality and size that can punish you in that regard. But he also has finesse, he has shooting ability, deep range on his shot-making, he's got touch that's uncanny in the paint. And then you have that element of also being able to create and make open shots for other guys, but also be able to draw fouls at any point if you lose concentration."

Embiid — from Cameroon — was the first international player to win the scoring title. Embiid also was the first center to win the scoring crown since Shaquille O'Neal in 1999-2000.

Bucks mum on Middleton: Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer offered no new details Friday on Khris Middleton's potential availability for the defending champions' Eastern Conference semifinal matchup with the Celtics.

Middleton had said a week ago that he hoped to come back from his knee injury in two weeks. That means he would miss at least the first two games of the Celtics series.

IN BRIEF

Dodgers' Bauer gets suspended 2 seasons

News services

Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer was suspended Friday for two full seasons without pay by Major League Baseball for violating the league's domestic violence and sexual assault policy, which he denies.

Bauer's lengthy suspension comes after a San Diego woman, whom the pitcher had met through social media, alleged that Bauer beat and sexually abused her last year. She later sought — but was denied — a restraining order. Los Angeles prosecutors said in February there was insufficient evidence to prove the woman's accusations beyond a reasonable doubt.

Bauer repeatedly has said that everything that happened between the two was consensual.

"In the strongest possible terms, I deny committing any violation of the league's domestic violence and sexual assault policy," he said Friday in a statement. "I am appealing this action and expect to prevail. As we have throughout this process, my representatives and I respect the confidentiality of the proceedings."

If the suspension is upheld, Bauer will lose about $60 million in salary.

Bauer earlier this week sued his accuser in federal court, a move that came less than three months after prosecutors decided not to file criminal charges against the pitcher.

Golf: Steve Stricker is back to golf after six months and it looked as though he was never gone. Stricker dropped only one shot in the wind at The Woodlands and opened with a 67. That gives a share of the lead in the Insperity Invitational with Ernie Els and Steven Alker.

NFL: Raiders are declining the fifth-year options on all three of their 2019 first-round picks as the new regime doesn't want to commit to players inherited on the roster. GM Dave Ziegler announced that the team will let defensive end Clelin Ferrell, running back Josh Jacobs and safety Johnathan Abram play out the final year of their rookie contracts instead of extending them.

MOTORING



Cars participate in the Great American Mountain Rally Revival, now run in October in New England. Few owners of vintage vehicles are willing to expose them to the bad weather. **DANNY G. TAYLOR**

Revival of the rally

Great American Mountain auto competition will return this fall

By Christopher Jensen
The New York Times

Two mouthfuls of gum and enthusiastic chewing: That's what Peter Bullard and George P. Fogg III were hoping would allow them to avoid disaster on the 1955 Great American Mountain Rallye Automobile Endurance Run.

The rally (called a rallye back then) was a roughly 1,200-mile, three-day competition to gauge driving and navigational skills as well as a car's mechanical robustness, which was not a given almost 70 years ago. Not long after the first cars came the first car races and then rallies such as this one, which has been revived recently and will return this fall.

The 1955 route was to follow some of the steepest and most remote roads in New England, all of which organizers hoped would be covered in snow or smothered with mud. Bullard and Fogg's car was among five dozen or so that left New York City that November day.

"We were hot to trot," said Bullard, now 90 and living in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Not even his wife, Joan, who was still in a hospital five days after giving birth to a son, stood in his way. She urged her husband to go.

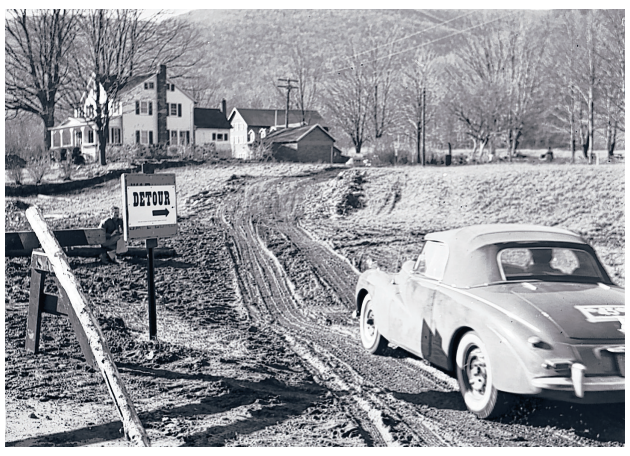
However, the hot-trotting was endangered. The oil pressure in their 1953 Jaguar XK 120 Coupe was dropping. The team spotted a gas station, slipped into a bay and quickly pulled the door down.

Because reliability was a part of the test, the organizers put seals on the hoods; breaking them would mean a penalty. But in the long tradition of motor sports chicanery, Bullard and Fogg had previously reworked their hood so it could be opened without breaking the seals. The next step was jamming that wad of gum into a hole, adding oil and hoping for the best.

Then, they were on the road again. The goal was to go from checkpoint to checkpoint, averaging specific speeds. Those speeds were always below the posted speed limits, but that could be challenging because of factors like the weather, the dark or road conditions. Arriving early or late would result in penalty points.

Fogg drove. He was an experienced racer from Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and his job was to cope with the blind corners, slippery surfaces, poor visibility and bad things that can happen when the laws of physics work against you.

Fogg loved driving, and Bullard had a romance with numbers. In addition to following the route, he had to figure out how long it should take to cover distances at the constantly changing prescribed speeds and how to compensate for things like slowing at a tight corner or in heavy snow.



A Sunbeam Alpine participates in the Great American Mountain Rallye Automobile Endurance Run. **GARY HAMILTON**

"I was good with slide rules, pencil and paper and really enjoyed it," he said.

The first Great American Mountain Rally was organized in 1953 by the Motor Sports Club of America, which was founded by Robert S. Grier and based in New York. The rally was also sanctioned by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile, a prestigious European motorsports organization. This was the federation's first rally in the United States, which would have carried a lot of weight with the fledgling motorsports community, said John Buffum, an internationally known rally champion in Colchester, Vermont.

The event was held for four years and attracted world-class drivers. In 1956, Juan Manuel Fangio — considered by many to be a racer without equal — waved the cars off in New York. In 1954 Stirling Moss, a British racing icon, entered driving a Sunbeam Alpine. A year later, he would win the Italian Mille Miglia race, covering 1,000 miles of public roads at an average speed of 98 mph.

Moss' teammate, in another Sunbeam Alpine, was Sheila van Damm, described by The New York Times as "the top British woman in auto racing in the 1950s."

The rally always started late in November, increasing the chance of bad weather. In 1954, there was mud and snow, van Damm wrote in her book "No Excuses." In Vermont, a dirt road was a "quagmire," she wrote, and her co-driver, Anne Hall, "popped out and stood on the rear bumper, bouncing up and down to try and give the wheels some grip." Van Damm also competed in the 1953 event, which had such good weather that she complained it was not challenging.

Bad weather could, indeed, be trouble, Bullard said. In 1956, he and Fogg were stopped in their rear-wheel drive 1957 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider at the bottom of a steep, narrow Vermont pass, the Lincoln Gap. They were putting on chains when a Saab 93 puttered up. Saab wasn't selling cars in the United States, but the automaker entered the rally anyway. The 93 was the ultimate in quirky: a bulbous nose, front-wheel drive and a three-cylinder, 33-horsepower engine.

The Saab driver looked up the mountain road and then turned the Saab so that the rear was impertinently pointing up the hill.

"I knew what they were going to do," Bullard said. By going up backward, the Saab would have the best traction because the full weight of the engine would be pushing down on the wheels with the power.

"We were boggled they felt they could handle it without chains and backwards at a fairly high speed," Bullard said. "It was just wonderful to see." The driver, Bob Wehman, and the navigator, Louis Braun, went on to win, a victory that helped launch Saab in the United States.

The Great American Mountain Rally Revival was held again in 2019, canceled in 2020 because of COVID-19 and run again last year. It's now scheduled for October, roaming roads in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. There is no longer the bad-weather, do-or-die element because few owners of vintage vehicles are willing to jeopardize them. There are other events that involve tours with participants simply and calmly following a route. But the pressure of following the route, coping with the unforeseen and being on time makes the mountain rally more demanding and interesting, said Tim Winker, a rallyist from Saginaw, Minnesota.

"We get to drive our cars. We like the history of it," said Carl Helmetag of Riverside, Rhode Island, who has participated in all three revivals, most recently driving a 1970 Volvo 121 Amazon. "It's a community that enjoys keeping these cars on the road."

What occurs when police pull over a driverless car?

By Kalea Hall
The Detroit News

Who gets a ticket in a driverless car? It turns out no one does, the San Francisco Police learned.

Recently, a pedestrian caught sight of a Cruise LLC autonomous vehicle getting pulled over by San Francisco Police, took video and posted it on Instagram.

The footage posted April 2 shows a cruiser pulling behind the shuttle after pulling it over. As an officer gets out of the police car and walks toward the Cruise vehicle, a voice can be heard saying, "Ain't nobody in it."

The officer looks through the driver's side window and appears to try opening the door, then walks back toward his car. The AV then rolls forward toward a nearby intersection, proceeds through a green light and pulls over on the other side of the intersection with its hazard lights blinking.

The police car pulls up behind the Cruise vehicle and two officers get out. It's not clear why the autonomous car was pulled over.

The traffic stop occurred two months after Cruise, which is majority-owned by General Motors Co., began offering rides in its autonomous vehicles to the public in San Francisco.

Cruise responded to the video on Twitter, saying the "AV yielded to the police vehicle, then pulled over to the nearest safe location for the traffic stop, as intended. An officer contacted Cruise personnel and no citation was issued."

The company added it works "closely with the SFPD on how to interact with our vehicles, including a dedicated phone number for them to call in situations like this."

But since the industry is still the early stages of deploying self-driving vehicles, there's not really standardized procedures, specifically at the federal level, for how first responders should deal with AVs.



DREAMSTIME

"Now is probably the time when we should be having this conversation," said Sam Abuelsamid, principal research analyst leading Guidehouse Insights.



The 2022 Chevy Silverado ZR2. **HENRY PAYNE/THE DETROIT NEWS**

AUTO REVIEW

Conquering the Mojave in the Chevy Silverado ZR2

By Henry Payne
The Detroit News

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — Here in the arid Mojave desert, not much survives. The landscape is raw, rocky, brown. Except for the enduring Joshua Tree, which is uniquely equipped to survive in this hostile environment.

Kind of like the 2022 Chevy Silverado ZR2 performance truck.

Armed with fearless Goodyear Wrangler Territorial MT tires, Multimatic shocks, three bash plates, two-speed transfer case, twin-locking differentials and a relentless 6.2-liter V-8 engine, this stubborn pickup is remarkably well-suited for the rocky desert.

Amongst the green groves of Joshua trees, a media-piloted caravan of red, blue, sand, and white ZR2s added welcome color to the scorched landscape. Transfer case on 4-wheel-drive high. Terrain mode selected. Wrangler tires aired down to 25 PSI. I nailed the throttle and the beast awoke.

The ZR2's V-8 is a different sensory experience. You want to keep your boot on it to hear its heavy metal beat. Carbon prohibitionists despise it, of course. It's fun. Loud. Ban it.

It's an experience that Liana Prieto and her Dirt Days crew share with off-road customers in Joshua Tree and Salton Sea and the Baja Peninsula, home to some of the world's greatest off-roading over thousands of acres of desert wilderness.

2022 Chevrolet Silverado ZR2

Vehicle type: Front-engine, four-wheel-drive, five-passenger pickup
Price: $69,295
Powerplant: 6.2-liter V-8
Power: 420 horsepower, 460 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: 10-speed automatic
Performance: towing, 8,900 lbs.; payload, 1,440 lbs.
Fuel economy: **EPA:** 14 mpg city/17 highway/15 combined

The ZR2 is a latecomer to the performance truck game. Notably, it lacks the steroid-induced power, width and tires of its more ripped competitors.

Its 6.2-liter V-8 is not supercharged, but it's a welcome voice in the choir.

Chevy's engineers have augmented it with a sport exhaust that'll wake the neighbors on start-up.

Like its competitors, the ZR2 has killer off-road shocks. The shocks and tires absorb the brutal washboard bumps and dips of the Joshua tree mining road.

The ZR2's interior shines, too. ZR2 introduces an all-new dash for 2022 that brings rich 12.3-inch instrument cluster and 13.4-inch console digital displays. My driving experience was aided by comfortable bolstered seats, a head-up display the size of Oklahoma and wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

At about 5,500 pounds my $72,560 tester was easy to drive at high speeds even if it lacked Raptor's insane 14-inch front/15-inch rear suspension travel (ZR2 clocks in at 9.6 inches front/10.6 rear). Chevy's target is to make the ZR2 an all-around athlete with on-road manners, off-road macho (thus the Multimatics), 8,900-towing capability (thus the V-8) and low-speed rock crawling.

To achieve the latter, ZR2 is armed with a 32-degree approach angle, camera views and class-exclusive front-and-rear locking differentials.

Pickups are the new luxury. Out back, a six-way Multi-Flex tailgate rolls out steps for easy bed access. This supertruck must be taken off-road to be appreciated. So call up Dirt Days, or your Midwest pickup buddies. Then head to the Outback, put on U2's "Joshua Tree" album, and turn up the V-8.

Ethanol and fuel economy



Bob Weber
Motormouth



President Joe Biden speaks April 12 in Menlo, Iowa. Biden announced that he would ease restrictions on ethanol use to help ease soaring gas prices. **SCOTT OLSON/GETTY**

Q: President Joe Biden recently announced an expansion of the use of ethanol added gasoline. Any benefits or drawbacks? It is usually a few cents cheaper, but I wonder if I get as good mileage with the blend.
— D.J., Burnsville, Minnesota
A: A higher alcohol content may lower fuel economy since alcohol contains less energy — lower BTU rating. Bumping the amount of alcohol, mostly made from corn, could impact food prices.

Q: Saw the question about rain beading on the windows. I wonder if he goes through the automatic car wash. Most use a spray wax near the end of the cycle and when it does, it covers the whole car — hood, roof, sides and yes, windows.
— R.D., Elgin, Illinois
A: Good point. I am passing it along.

Q: My friend insists on using the parking brake on his 2021 Kia because he says it will protect the transmission. I think it's unnecessary; it's all flat here, no hills. Does this really help the transmission?
— W.S., Las Vegas
A: In the past I would have agreed to using the parking brakes all the time. That's because they were applied via cables that could rust. When that happens, the rusty cables may not move within the cable housings and, if needed when parking on an incline, the brakes may not apply. But with Kia's electric parking brakes, there are no concerns about cables. There will be no transmission issues. I still suggest using the parking brakes.

Q: For many years I have added fuel injector cleaner to gas, usually every three to six months. My confusion is two-fold: Does it do anything and how to choose? The shelf displaying injector cleaners shows bottles of various volume and ranging in price from $2 to $15. How do you decide which one to buy under the assumption that it does clean the injectors? And what is the cleaner made of?
— C.M., Quakertown, Pennsylvania
A: Back in the 1990s, several car makers, especially BMW, instructed owners and mechanics to occasionally add Techron to the gas to prevent intake valve deposits. It contains a detergent. If you choose top-tier gasoline you needn't add additional stuff to your tank because it already exceeds the EPA's standard detergent requirement. I can't address for the other products' chemistry but if you want to dig deep, look up the product's MSDS (material safety data sheet) for the chemicals used.

Q: As I write this my 2015 GMC Terrain with only 20,000 miles sits in the shop with at least $2,000 in damage. The squirrel(s) chewed into my HVAC housing, some wires, (engine light) and windshield wiper motor (no wipers), the dash has to come out, etc. Do you or any readers know of a way to deter these critters from re-invading my engine compartment?
— R.H., Downers Grove, Illinois
A: I have heard of things ranging from high-tech ultrasonic devices to lowly mothballs. I have yet to find anything that is 100% effective. After the parts are replaced, wrap them with Honda rodent proof tape to prevent a critter chewing encore. Meanwhile, check with your insurance company. Your comprehensive coverage may ease the bill.

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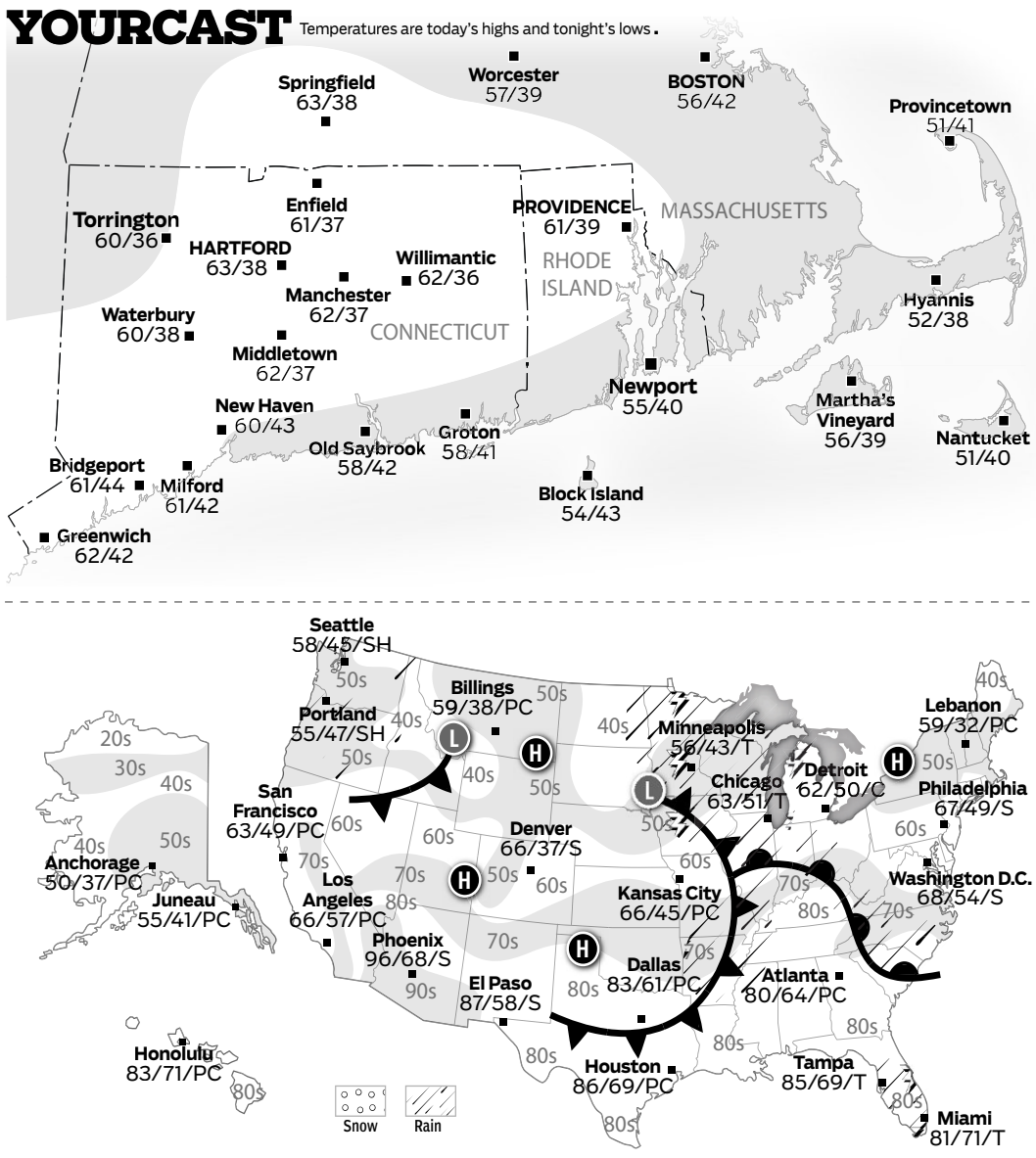
WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Morning sunshine, some afternoon clouds. North wind at 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly sunny and mild.	Mostly cloudy, chance for a few showers.	Mostly cloudy, chance for a shower. Milder.	Mostly cloudy and mild, a few showers around.
HIGH 63° LOW 38°	HIGH 69° LOW 44°	HIGH 61° LOW 48°	HIGH 67° LOW 50°	HIGH 68° LOW 48°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

If you noticed that your skin was drying out in recent days, it may not have been that you cut your hydration, more likely its because there was dry Canadian air in the state on Thursday with dew points in the teens and lower 20s and then arctic air came in Friday with dew points in the single digits. Late April sunshine offset what would have been very cold daytime temperatures in January or February. That didn't help low temperatures as much, they dipped into the 20s in some areas. Temperatures and dew points will moderate this weekend and the wind will be much lighter.

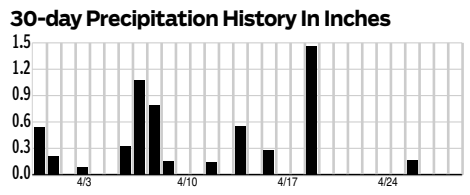
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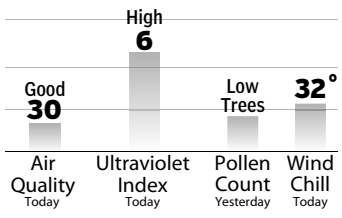
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.14
Month to date	5.22	3.75
Total this year	14.70	13.97

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	9:52 a.m. 10:08 p.m.	4:15 a.m. 4:13 p.m.	51°
Saybrook Jetty	11:03 a.m. 11:19 p.m.	5:08 a.m. 5:06 p.m.	51°
Connecticut River at Portland	1:22 a.m. 1:46 p.m.	8:54 a.m. 8:52 p.m.	
Madison	11:30 a.m. 11:42 p.m.	5:22 a.m. 5:27 p.m.	51°
New Haven	11:50 a.m. p.m.	5:46 a.m. 5:51 p.m.	51°
Stamford	11:54 a.m. p.m.	6:00 a.m. 6:05 p.m.	48°

River Stage at Hartford: 6.39 feet at 6:30 p.m.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:49 a.m.	5:48 a.m.
Sunset	7:47 p.m.	7:48 p.m.
Moonrise	5:49 a.m.	6:13 a.m.
Moonset	7:49 p.m.	8:54 p.m.

Moon Phase

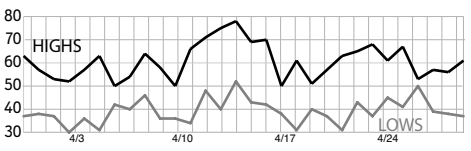
New	First	Full	Last
Apr 30	May 8	May 16	May 22

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	MSunny	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	NW, 10-15	NW/W, 5-15	NW/SW, 10
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	61 at 3:59 p.m	34 at 4:56 a.m
Normal for date	67	43
Record for date	91 in 1974	30 in 1949
A year ago	65	53
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - April 29	5172	5645	5216

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.04 at 7 a.m.	29.94 at 3 p.m.
Dew point	15° at 5 a.m.	4° at 3 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND				Baltimore	67	47	S	Nashville	82	63	C	San Juan	83	75	R	Budapest	67	49	PC
Bangor	51	36	C	Bismarck	48	35	R	New Orleans	86	70	PC	Tucson	94	61	S	Buenos Aires	63	45	C
Burlington	58	37	PC	Boise	55	39	SH	New York	65	49	S					Cairo	89	62	S
Caribou	44	32	C	Buffalo	60	40	S	Okla. City	80	51	S	**WORLD**				Cancun	85	74	T
Concord	59	33	PC	Charleston	81	63	PC	Omaha	56	42	SH	Amsterdam	55	37	PC	Dubai	95	84	PC
Montpelier	54	31	PC	Cincinnati	72	60	T	Orlando	84	66	PC	Athens	73	55	S	Dublin	54	45	R
Mt. Wash.	24	21	PC	Cleveland	67	53	PC	Pittsburgh	67	53	PC	Bangkok	95	79	T	Edinburgh	53	46	SH
Portland	56	39	PC	Indianapolis	72	56	T	Raleigh	69	55	C	Barbados	86	74	PC	Helsinki	50	34	PC
Woods Hole	56	40	PC	Jacksonville	82	62	PC	St. Louis	76	55	T	Beijing	72	46	S	Hong Kong	86	70	PC
NATION				Las Vegas	90	66	S	Salt Lake City	68	50	PC	Beirut	84	65	PC	Istanbul	66	52	C
Albany	61	37	S	Miami Beach	80	70	T	San Antonio	84	70	C	Berlin	64	45	C	Jerusalem	88	61	S
Albuquerque	78	50	S	Milwaukee	50	45	R	San Diego	67	60	PC	Bermuda	69	62	S	Johannesburg	70	48	PC
Atlantic City	65	40	S																

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

Kingston	86	75	SH	Stockholm	54	33	PC
Lisbon	82	55	PC	Sydney	75	57	R
London	63	52	PC	Tel Aviv	85	62	S
Madrid	77	52	PC	Tokyo	68	52	PC
Mexico City	92	76	PC	Toronto	57	41	S
Milan	66	48	R	Vancouver	55	41	R
Montreal	57	39	S	Warsaw	63	41	S
Moscow	50	32	R				
Nassau	84	68	SH				
New Delhi	111	81	S				
Paris	64	48	S				
Prague	66	45	C				
Rio de Janeiro	82	68	R				
Rome	73	52	C				
Seoul	63	46	C				
Singapore	91	73	T				

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THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-North
NEWINGTON 12, NEW BRITAIN 2
N 250-230-**0**—12-11-0
NB 200-000-**0**—2-4-3
WP: Austyn Howe. **LP:** Jomar Rodriguez. Rec.: **N**—9-0; **NB**—2-7. **Note:** Shaun Callahan was 3-for-4 with 2 triples, 4 RBI and Josiah Ross was 2-for-3 with 2 RBI, 3 runs scored for Newington.
Shoreline
NORTH BRANFORD 6, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 0
NB 100-000-**5**—6-5-0
HK 000-000-**0**—0-2-3
WP: Cam Garrett. **LP:** Liam Gordon. Rec.: **NB**—6-6; **HK**—8-4. **Note:** Garrett tossed a 2-hit shutout with 9 strikeouts. Todd Butler and Dylan Coon had the hits for H-K.
CTC
ELLIS TECH 15, GOODWIN TECH 12
ET 413-403-**0**—15-8-8
GT 214-500-**0**—12-10-5
WP: Riley Wenzloff. **LP:** Nick Jusino. Rec.: **ET**—6-5; **GT**—3-7. **Note:** Dibrayan Cortez was 3-for-4 with a triple, 3 runs scored and Mike Lukaszewski had 3 RBI for Goodwin.
CRAL
INNOVATION 16, MLC 2 (5)
MLC 000-**02**—2-4-2
I 448-**0x**—16-10-0
WP: Yonathan Ramos. **LP:** Anthony Heller. Rec.: **I**—3-5; **MLC**—2-5.
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 7, WATERFORD 5
BA 510-010-**0**—7-10-3
W 110-020-**1**—5-7-6
WP: Jack Novak. **LP:** Sean Salvador. Rec.: **BA**—10-0; **W**—8-3. **Note:** Novak (5-0) had 6 strikeouts. Alex Blanchette was 3-for-4 with an RBI, run scored and Alex Pulse had a 2-run double for Bacon.
NVL
ST. PAUL 25, WILBY 1 (5)
SP 733-**57**—25-22-1
W 100-**00**—1-2-6
WP: Chase Mendela. **LP:** Jarel Batista. **HR: SP**—Logan Rembish. Rec.: **SP**—12-0; **W**—1-10. **Note:** Mendela got his 1st varsity win. Avery Latham was 4-for-4 with 2 doubles, 4 RBI and Jonathan Remillard was 3-for-5 with 3 RBI.
Others
ENFIELD 10, SUFFIELD 5
S 102-010-**1**—5-6-1
E 106-300-**x**—10-16-3
WP: Canon Marshall. **LP:** Nick Gomes. Rec. **E**—6-2; **S**—3-6. **Note:** Jayden Maynard was 2-for-3 with a double, 3 RBI and Bryce DiPiero was 3-for-3 with a triple, 1 RBI for Enfield. Matt Sinofsky had a triple, 2 runs scored for Suffield.

SOFTBALL

CCC-Inter
WETHERSFIELD 4, MANCHESTER 3
WP: Kyla Brogan. **LP:** Kathleen Regan. Rec.: **W**—7-2; **M**—4-7. **Note:** Bella Tomaino had the game-winning RBI double in the bottom of the 7th.
NCCC
EAST WINDSOR/SMSA 8, EAST GRANBY 0
EG 000-000-**0**—0
EWS 710-000-**x**—8
WP: Abby Lee. **LP:** Taylor Hayes. Rec.: **EWS**—4-5; **EG**—3-7. **Note:** Alexandra Rasado-Rivera was 2-for-2 with a double and Katelyn Blume was 2-for-4 for East Windsor. Taylor Andrews had a triple for East Granby.
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 9, NORTH BRANFORD 4
HK 410-021-**1**—9-13-1
NB 300-000-**1**—4-9-2
WP: Brooke Hickman. **LP:** Kiley Mullins. Rec.: **HK**—12-1; **NB**—7-5. **Note:** Hickman had 8 strikeouts and Ivy McNiel had 3 hits for H-K.
Others
ELLINGTON 4, TOLLAND 1
E 100-012-**0**—4-4-2
T 001-000-**0**—1-3-3
WP: Camryn Fisher. **LP:** Elsie McCaffrey. Rec.: **E**—8-1; **T**—7-3. **Note:** Fisher had 16 strikeouts. Brynlee Eckles was 3-for-4 with 2 runs scored.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-North
RHAM 18, NEWINGTON 9
Goals: R—Jacob Tresser (4), Ben Zigmund (3), Boden Landers (3), Tim Smith (3), Jackson McKinley (3), Brady Lalonde (2); **N**—Joey Damato (4), Kyle Bross (2), Paddy Brown (2), Julian Middlebrooks. Rec.: **R**—3-4; **N**—3-6.

GIRLS LACROSSE

NCCC
ELLINGTON 13, SUFFIELD 3
Goals: E—Anna Bocchino (4), Megan Johndrow (3), Kaitlyn Boone (2), Taylor Murphy (2), Hannah Kozik, Alana Pirette; **S**—Ari Nikolis (2), Zoe Kaplan. **Saves: E**—Alison Kozik, 10; **S**—Alana Raines, 10. Rec.: **E**—5-2; **S**—2-5. **Note:** A. Kozik recorded her 400th career save.
GRANBY 11, SOMERS 10
Medalist: G—Alyssa Mackowski (9), Jayne Hiatt (2); **S**—Caroline Colton (4), Jamie Anthony (4), Brooke Stevens, Josie Smith. **Saves: G**—Alexis DiMeo, 6; **S**—Elena Riggins, 2. Rec.: **G**—7-1; **S**—1-6-1.
SCC
SHEEHAN 18, MERCY 7
Medalist: S—Jayna MacKenzie (10), Allie Ottochian (2), Lyndsey Bunnell (2), Olivia Fritz, Kenna Sinisgalli, Mia Levesh, Aubrey Monroe; **M**—Lily Schoonmaker (5), Mackenzie Kelley, Maddy Carbone. **Saves: S**—Grace Keenan, 7; **M**—Callia Borkowski, 5. Rec.: **S**—7-2; **M**—1-7.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-East
TOLLAND 175, ENFIELD 193
Medalists: Max Baldwin and AJ Cady, Tolland, 42 at Grassmere CC, Enfield.
SOUTH WINDSOR 185, MANCHESTER 206
Medalist: Cole Huyler, Manchester, 41 at Topstone GC, South Windsor.
NCCC
COVENTRY 187, ROCKVILLE 208
Medalist: Dylan Toombs, Coventry, 44 at Skungamaug River GC, Coventry.
ELLINGTON 170, WINDSOR LOCKS 263
Medalist: Bradley Sawka, Ellington, 39 at Ellington Ridge CC.
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 184, NORTH BRANFORD 184
Medalists: Andrew Fleig and Jacob Maier, Haddam-Killingworth, 44 at Black Birch GC, Moodus.
MORGAN 185, OLD LYME 202
Medalist: Pat Flanagan, Old Lyme, 41 at Black Hall Club, Old Lyme.
PORTLAND 164, VALLEY REGIONAL 218
Medalist: Luke Stennett, Portland, 36 at Black Hall Club, Old Lyme.
NVL
ST. PAUL 184, HOLY CROSS 202
Medalist: Matt Downes, St. Paul, 39 at Western Hills GC, Waterbury.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-East
WETHERSFIELD 207, MANCHESTER 213
Medalists: Sophia Nower, Cora Tinker and Sarah Morrissey, Wethersfield, 51 at Manchester CC.
SCC
LAURALTON HALL 203, MERCY 238
Medalist: Izzy Thomas, Lauralton Hall, 49 at Lyman Orchards GC, Middlefield.
Others
CONARD 197, CHESHIRE 210, NEWINGTON 223
MedalistL Lauren Blanger, Conard, 45 at Indian Hill CC, Newington.
CANTON 232, FARMINGTON 248
Medalist: Kate Stepka, Farmington, 52 at Blue Fox Run, Avon.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 7, PLAINVILLE 0
CCC-Inter
TOLLAND 5, PLATT/MALONEY 2
NCCC
ELLINGTON 7, WINDSOR LOCKS 0
SCC
LYMAN HALL 6, WILBUR CROSS 1
AMITY 7, SHEEHAN 0
Others
RHAM 6, ROCKVILLE 1

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 7, PLAINVILLE 0
CCC-Inter
NEWINGTON 6, ENFIELD 1
SCC
NORTH HAVEN 7, MERCY 0

REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn rallies to beat Butler in 10 innings

The UConn baseball team rallied for three in the ninth to tie and then scored a run in the 10th to win at Butler 8-7 on Friday in the opening of a three-game Big East Conference series at Indianapolis.

The Huskies (38-6, 10-1) put together three hits and took advantage of a Butler error to rally in the ninth. David Smith then hit an inside-the-park home run, one of his four hits, to win the game in the 10th.

Jack Sullivan (1-1) picked up the win in relief and Justin Willis closed it out for his 11th save.

Yard Goats lose at Harrisburg

Despite a triple, home run and three RBI from Brenton Doyle and two hits and an RBI from Ezequiel Tovar the Hartford Yard Goats lost to the Harrisburg Senators 8-6 in an Eastern League game at Harrisburg, Pa. Noah Davis started and allowed seven runs, six earned on four hits with three walks for the Yard Goats.

— Staff reports

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-East
E.O. SMITH 10, TOLLAND 0 (6)

CCC-Inter
HALL 10, RHAM 0 (6)
R 000-**000**—0-3-1
H 402-**004**—10-11-0
WP: Cole Kocienda. **LP:** Chase Massey. **HR: H**—Joe Dooley (2). Rec.: **H**—5-5; **R**—8-1. **Note:** Dooley was 2-for-3 with 3 RBI and Thomas Redden was 2-for-4 with 2 doubles, 3 RBI.
SOUTHINGTON 4, ENFIELD 0
S 001-110-**1**—4-4-1
E 000-000-**0**—0-2-5
WP: Tyler Blumetti. **LP:** Braiden Alaimo. Rec.: **S**—9-2; **E**—6-3. **Note:** Brady Aylward was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Jaden Maia had 2 RBI for Southington.
NEWINGTON 10, BERLIN 4
B 000-040-**0**—4-5-3
N 202-015-**x**—10-12-0
WP: Gavin Gray. **LP:** Ryan Catalano. **HR: N**—Shawn Callahan; **B**—Sal Dastoli. Rec.: **N**—10-0; **B**—3-8.
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 5, BRISTOL EASTERN 3
NWC 131-000-**0**—5-6-1
BE 000-010-**2**—3-5-2
WP: Jonah Balcerzak. **LP:** Ryan Maglio. Rec.: **NWC**—5-5; **BE**—3-6.
WINDSOR 12, EAST CATHOLIC 2
LEWIS MILLS 12, FARMINGTON 10
GLASTONBURY 7, NEW BRITAIN 2
WETHERSFIELD 10, SOUTH WINDSOR 6

NCCC
ROCKVILLE 12, STAFFORD 10
S 002-035-**0**—10-12-4
R 111-027-**x**—12-12-3
WP: Jacob Niemczyk. **LP:** Collin Gudeman. Rec.: **R**—6-5; **S**—7-4.
SOMERS 8, GRANBY 3

Shoreline
OLD SAYBROOK 4, OLD LYME 3
EAST HAMPTON 8, CROMWELL 7 (8)
VALLEY REGIONAL 12, MORGAN 3
COGINCHAUG 11, WESTBROOK 1
CTC
WINDHAM TECH 10, VINAL TECH 0
WILCOX TECH 15, WRIGHT TECH 0

CRAL
INNOVATION 8, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 6

SCC
SHEEHAN 9, WILBUR CROSS 0
XAVIER 13, HAND 0 (5)

Others
EAST GRANBY 17, UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 0 (5)

SOFTBALL

CCC-North
ROCKY HILL 13, NEW BRITAIN 1 (5)
NB 100-**00**—1-2-2
RH 300-**45**—13-13-2
WP: Shauna Kehoe. **LP:** Christina Velez. **HR: RH**—Jazzie Edmunds. Rec.: **RH**—6-4; **NB**—1-7. **Note:** Edmunds was 4-for-4 with 4 RBI.
HARTFORD PUBLIC 21, BLOOMFIELD 8 (5)
HP 210-3(15)—21-6-9
B 050-**12**—8-4-4
WP: J. Santiago. **LP:** Taraji Larmond. **HR: B**—Jacquelyn Watkins. Rec.: **HP**—1-6; **B**—4-7.
CCC-South
PLATT 8, MIDDLETOWN 7

CCC-East
ENFIELD 6, E.O. SMITH 5
EOS 030-200-**0**—5-8-1
E 010-032-**x**—6-8-1
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. **LP:** Ashley Lewis. Rec.: **E**—9-2; **EOS**—3-5. Meredith Higgins was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI and Taylor Lathrop had a triple, 2 RBI for Enfield. Lewis and Dakota Babbitt each had a triple, 2 RBI for E.O. Smith.
CCC-West
GLASTONBURY 17, FARMINGTON 2 (5)

CCC-Inter
RHAM 15, SIMSBURY 3 (6)

NCCC
ELLINGTON 22, HMTCA 1
ROCKVILLE 16, STAFFORD 0 (6)

Shoreline
CROMWELL 14, EAST HAMPTON 2
COGINCHAUG 18, WESTBROOK/PORTLAND 0
VALLEY REGIONAL 16, MORGAN 1
CTC
WILCOX TECH 17, WRIGHT TECH 5

CRAL
CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 12, INNOVATION 6 (5)
CLA 421-**32**—12-1-1
I 032-**10**—6-9-1
WP: Nysairy Soto. **LP:** Alice Bidoae. Rec.: **CLA**—9-1; **I**—2-4.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-Central
GLASTONBURY 9, EAST CATHOLIC 6

NCCC
ELLINGTON 13, SUFFIELD/WINDSOR LOCKS 3

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-South
WETHERSFIELD 15, LEWIS MILLS 3
BRISTOL EASTERN 13, MIDDLETOWN 10
E.O. SMITH 17, ENFIELD 4
CCC-Inter
SOUTH WINDSOR 14, WINDSOR 2
Goals: SW—Maliya Haddock (4), Carly Pitruzzello (3), Tori Jarvis (2), Olivia Mogor (2), Kaylie Guerrera, Hailey Deptula, Kayden Burke; **W**—Emma Butterick (2). **Saves: SW**—Ciara Styles and Catherine Downes, 8; **W**—Charlotte Michaud, 5. Rec.: **SW**—5-1; **W**—0-7.
HALL 12, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 2
Goals: H—Emma Keller (4), Talia Sortman (2), Caitlin Striff-Cave (2), Elizabeth Gadue, Grace Rocheleau, Grace Druckenmiller, Julia Kobelski; **NWC**—Annie Szyluk, Charlotte Brenner. **Saves: H**—Talia Leshem, 5; **NWC**—Gabby Hutchinson, 8. Rec.: **H**—4-5; **NWC**—0-6.
CONARD 15, RHAM 4
FARMINGTON 19, BERLIN 6

SCC
AMITY 11, CHESHIRE 10

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-Inter
SOUTH WINDSOR 3, HALL 0 (25-21, 25-16, 25-19)
SW: Aidan Lacovelli, 10 kills, 5 aces, 2 digs, Alex Ezedine, 11 kills, Anthony Santini, 25 assists, 4 aces; **H:** Andrew Chang, 15 digs, Liam Hosey, 8 kills. Rec.: **SW**—6-3; **H**—5-4.
SOUTHINGTON 3, NEW BRITAIN 0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-18)
S: Matt Morgan, 11 kills, Ben Roper, 26 assists; **NB:** Davin Siharath, 11 assists, 9 kills, Anthony Olmeda, 15 assists, 9 kills. Rec.: **S**—8-2; **NB**—5-4.
FARMINGTON 3, BULKELEY/SMSA 0 (25-6, 25-6, 25-16)
F: Govind Devadoss, 6 kills, 4 blocks; **S:** Tidy Joy, 5 kills. Rec.: **F**—5-4; **S**—2-8.

Others
MALONEY 3, WOLCOTT TECH 0 (25-23, 25-23, 26-24)
M: Dev Patel, 15 digs, 10 kills, 4 aces, Adnel Torres, 16 kills, 3 aces, Onil Carrion, 31 assists, 3 aces; **WT:** Shawn Bournique, 17 assists, 7 digs. Rec.: **M**—3-6; **WT**—4-6.

BOYS GOLF

Others
ENFIELD 191, SOMERS 212
Medalist: Ethan Ambrosino, Enfield, 42 at Grassmere CC, Enfield.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-East
EAST CATHOLIC 198, EAST HARTFORD 266
Medalist: Olivia Agnelli, East Catholic, 48 at Minnechaug GC, Glastonbury.
Others
ST. PAUL 158, AMITY 175
Medalists: Erin Downes, St. Paul and Ava Gross, Amity, 37 at Westwoods GC, Farmington.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-South
BERLIN 7, BRISTOL EASTERN 0
CCC-East
SOUTH WINDSOR 7, MANCHESTER 0
ENFIELD CO-OP 6, TOLLAND 1

CCC-West
CONARD 5, SOUTHINGTON 2
AVON 7, SIMSBURY 0
HALL 7, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0
GLASTONBURY 5, FARMINGTON 2
NCCC
GRANBY 7, ROCKVILLE 0
ELLINGTON 6, WINDSOR LOCKS 1
Shoreline
OLD SAYBROOK 5, COGINCHAUG 0
VALLEY REGIONAL 4, OLD LYME 3
SCC
XAVIER 5, NORTH HAVEN 2

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-North
ROCKY HILL 5, WETHERSFIELD 2
NEWINGTON 7, NEW BRITAIN 0

CCC-West
HALL 6, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 1
GLASTONBURY 4, FARMINGTON 3
CONARD 5, SOUTHINGTON 2

NCCC
ROCKVILLE 4-3, GRANBY 3-4
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BRANFORD 7, LYMAN HALL 0
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SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CCC-**South:** Plainville at Bristol Central, 1 p.m.
NCCC: Canton at Coventry, 11 a.m.
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ECC: Fitch at Bacon Academy, 11 a.m.
Others: Hale-Ray at Windham, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-**West:** Avon at Conard, 9 a.m.; Hall at Glastonbury, 10 a.m.
NCCC: Somers at Bolton, 11 a.m.
SCC: Law at Sheehan, 11 a.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at Fitch, 11 a.m.
Others: Farmington at St. Paul, 10:30 a.m.; E.O. Smith at Coginchaug, 12:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC: Hall at RHAM, 10 a.m.; Avon at Glastonbury, 10 a.m.
Shoreline: Morgan at Cromwell, 10 a.m.
SCC: Shelton at Hand, 10 a.m.; North Branford at Sheehan, 12:30 p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at NFA, noon
Others: Xavier at Southington, 10 a.m.; Maloney/Platt at Rockville co-op, 11 a.m.; Suffield/Windsor Locks at E.O. Smith, 11 a.m.; Granby at Valley Regional, 11 a.m.; Holy Cross at Somers, noon; Lyman Hall at Notre Dame-Fairfield, 12:30 p.m.; Guilford at Simsbury, 1 p.m.; Wolcott at Bristol co-op, 1 p.m.; Norwich Tech/Windham Tech at Law, 3 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

NCCC: Suffield at Rockville, 1 p.m.
Shoreline: Valley Regional at Haddam-Killingworth, 3 p.m.
ECC: East Lyme at Bacon Academy, 11 a.m.
Others: North Haven at Berlin, 9:30 a.m.; Hand at Conard, 10:30 a.m.; Somers at Morgan, 10:30 a.m.; Glastonbury at Ridgefield, 11 a.m.; Newington at Hamden, 11 a.m.

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Toss chewy noodles in a sesame-peanut sauce for a refreshing dish. **KELLI FOSTER/THEKITCHN.COM**

SUPER BOWL

These creamy, cold sesame noodles are great anytime

By Christine Gallary
TheKitchn.com

Cold sesame noodles are a refreshing delight — especially on a hot day or if you want a filling but flavorful on-the-go lunch.

There are many versions of sesame noodles, notably ones from Sichuan and Taiwan, but they all contain Chinese sesame paste and other seasonings tossed with chewy noodles.

There's actually very little cooking to do — just boiling the noodles — so prep is relegated to some chopping and mixing of the sauce. Good Chinese or Taiwanese sesame noodles have a balance of sweet, savory, nutty and a little bit of heat, so here's an easy recipe that balances all those flavors into one tasty, slurp-able bowl.

Here's what you'll need to make sesame noodles.

Noodles: Thin, dried wheat noodles work best here because they cook up chewy and don't get too gloppy or gummy when tossed with the sauce.

My favorite are Taiwanese noodles called kuan miao. Skip the noodles that contain egg. In a pinch, you can use dried udon noodles instead.

Peanut butter: While sesame noodles used to contain just or mostly sesame paste, modern versions start with peanut butter. The smooth peanut butter coats the noodles well and adds a great depth of flavor.

Chinese sesame paste: Sesame paste is a key ingredient here to round out the sauce, even though you don't need a lot. Chinese sesame paste is made from darkly roasted sesame seeds and tastes different than tahini, which is made from unroasted or lightly roasted sesame seeds and has a more bitter flavor.

Sesame oil: A good spoonful of toasted sesame oil helps thin out the nut butter and adds a delicious toastiness.

Aromatics: Minced ginger, garlic and scallions add lots of fresh flavor. Chop the ginger and garlic as finely as you can.

Sugar: The sweet notes in this recipe come from a spoonful of granulated sugar.

Soy sauce and rice vinegar: Soy sauce and rice vinegar help thin out the sauce, and add savory and acidic notes to balance everything out.

Garnishes: Sesame seeds, scallion greens and roasted peanuts add some crunch and color to the finished noodles. You can also toss in matchstick-cut cucumber for some refreshing bites.

Do you eat sesame noodles hot or cold?

To make sesame noodles, boil the noodles and then run them under cold water to stop the cooking and to keep them from getting gummy. Toss with the no-cook sauce and they're ready to eat. These sesame noodles are eaten at room temperature or cold, making them a great make-ahead or on-the-go dish.

What to serve with sesame noodles

Sesame noodles are substantial enough that they can be eaten alone, or you can serve them with some protein like poached chicken or even seared fish. They also go well with a Taiwanese cucumber salad or as part of a hot pot meal.

SESAME NOODLES

Makes: 2 to 3 servings
2 cloves garlic
1 (1-inch) piece ginger
2 medium scallions
¼ cup smooth peanut butter
1 tablespoon Chinese sesame paste (see note)
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
2 tablespoons hot water
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
1 teaspoon Asian chili-garlic paste, such as sambal oelek
⅓ medium English cucumber (about 4 ounces, optional)
8 ounces thin, dried Chinese wheat noodles, preferably Taiwanese kuan miao
Garnish options:
2 tablespoons roasted salted or unsalted peanuts
1 teaspoon toasted or untoasted sesame seeds

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, make the sauce.

2. Mince 2 garlic cloves. Peel and mince 1 (1-inch) piece ginger until you have 1 teaspoon. Place both in a large bowl. Thinly slice 2 medium scallions; add the scallion white and light green parts to the bowl and reserve the dark green parts for garnish.

3. Add ¼ cup peanut butter, 1 tablespoon Chinese sesame paste, 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 2 tablespoons rice vinegar, 2 tablespoons hot water, 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil and 1 teaspoon Asian chili-garlic paste to the bowl, and whisk until creamy and combined (it will look curdled at first). Cut ⅓ medium English cucumber into matchsticks (about 1 cup) and add to the bowl of sauce, if desired.

4. Add 8 ounces thin, dried Chinese wheat noodles to the boiling water and cook according to package directions until tender. Meanwhile, coarsely chop 2 tablespoons roasted peanuts, if desired.

5. When the noodles are ready, drain and rinse under cold water until cooled. Drain again, shaking off excess water. Add to sauce and toss until evenly coated. Garnish with reserved scallion greens, peanuts and 1 teaspoon sesame seeds, if desired.

Make a truly great concha

Popular Mexican sweet bread, with its seashell-shaped topping, is a delight when prepared right. Here's how to make them at home.

By Pati Jinich
The New York Times



A pillar of Mexico's culinary identity, the concha is an integral part of everyday meals and family celebrations. **JOEL GOLDBERG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

You've probably seen a concha: that springy, buttery brioche-style bun covered with a crisp-tender topping traditionally molded to look like a seashell.

But have you had a great one?

Anyone who has tasted a well-made concha will go weak at the sight of a fresh one in a panadería — or really anywhere food is sold throughout Mexico and Mexican American neighborhoods. A pillar of Mexico's culinary identity, the concha is an integral part of everyday meals and family celebrations, appearing in movies, paintings and books, and inspiring concha-shaped household items. They can be eaten for breakfast with hot chocolate, coffee or milk; snacked on as an anytime pick-me-up; or split in half to make sandwiches.

Yet there is a good chance that a concha bought at a bakery or store will have a stale bread base with a tasteless topping. Demand for the beloved quick bite is so high that bakeries sell out anyway.

"It is mostly about staying in business," said Irving Quiroz, a pastry chef based in Monterrey, Mexico. There is so much competition that bakers strive to offer affordable prices and make sacrifices in the process. Butter is reduced or left out in favor of vegetable shortening; water is used instead of milk; and, sometimes, the eggs are skipped entirely.

"It's an understandable business practice, but the downside is that it makes it feel like you're eating a sponge," said Francisco Migoya, a Mexican chef and author of "Modernist Bread." "You'll almost always see someone eating it by dunking it in hot chocolate or coffee because it is so dry."

There are a few key characteristics of a transcendent concha: a tender yet sturdy bread base; a flavorful, crumbly topping; and a balanced bread-to-topping ratio.

The good news is you don't have to test out a dozen panaderías to find a great one. Here's how to make a perfect concha at home.

Consider fat content

Be it butter or shortening, the less fat, the drier the bun. But too much fat coats the gluten chains and can weaken them, impeding rise. Traditionally, conchas were made with fresh lard, Quiroz said, and you can still find some prepared that way, rich and layered in flavor, in small towns in the Mexican countryside.

However, conchas made with lard tend to stay flat and are quite dense. Butter, a less heavy fat than lard, doesn't weigh down the rise, giving conchas a pillowy puff and delicate taste. (Buns made with vegetable shortening will also puff up but lack flavor.)

Most panadería conchas are 12-20% fat to flour (hence the dryness), but this recipe increases the butter content to almost 36% for a tender bun that still rises and hold its shape.

Knead, knead, then knead some more

Concha dough requires more kneading than might seem rational. It will appear too wet at first, but will eventually thicken.

Migoya recommends a stretch-and-fold method before letting the dough rise, as it gently develops gluten and achieves the desired smooth surface.

Look for the right consistency rather than counting minutes: You want a dough that is shiny and extremely soft; it should feel a bit like toy putty. It should sound loud as it slaps around the stand mixer bowl. With a bit of patience to work the dough, it will be not only a vehicle for the topping, but also it will shine in its own right.

Focus on the topping

The best part of a concha is, arguably, the topping.

In addition to lending flavor, the topping must maintain its signature seashell shape (concha means "seashell" in Spanish) throughout the baking process. Here, vegetable shortening, not butter, does the trick. (A butter-based topping would disappear into the concha as it bakes.)

The design isn't just nostalgic, it's also useful: Those ridges encourage the topping to break off gradually as you take bites, rather than crumbling all at once.

While a generous amount of topping is welcome, a tender bun could collapse under its weight. An average concha tends to be 15-20% topping, but this recipe ends up with almost 40% topping.



Pastry chef Irving Quiroz in Monterrey, Mexico, on March 16. A transcendent concha features a tender base, a flavorful topping and a balanced ratio of the two. **PERLA TAMEZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**



Quiroz makes conchas using special concha molds, which can be purchased online. They make engraving the traditional seashell shape a breeze, but an ordinary dinner knife can also get the job done.

CONCHAS

Makes: 15 buns
Total time: 1 ½ hours, plus rising time

For the dough:
4 cups all-purpose flour (or bread flour, see note), plus more for dusting
7 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt (Morton)
1 tablespoon instant yeast
¾ cup whole milk, at room temperature
4 large eggs, at room temperature
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
13 tablespoons unsalted butter, diced and brought to room temperature, plus more for greasing

For the vanilla topping (for 15 buns):
1 ½ cups powdered sugar
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
1 cup vegetable shortening
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

For the café con leche topping (for 15 buns):
1 ½ cups powdered sugar
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
1 cup vegetable shortening
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons instant espresso coffee combined with 2 teaspoons boiling water

For the cocoa topping (for 15 buns):
1 ½ cups powdered sugar
1 ⅓ cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
1 cup vegetable shortening
¼ cup cocoa powder combined with 3 tablespoons boiling water

1. Make the dough: Whisk the flour, sugar, salt and yeast in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook. Add the milk, eggs and vanilla. Mix on the lowest speed to combine without the flour splattering out of the bowl, about 20 seconds. (If needed, use a spatula to push the flour mixture toward the hook.) Raise speed to medium-high and mix until the dough slaps and pulls away from the sides of the bowl and starts to form a smooth, elastic ball around the hook, 10 to 15 minutes. Stay close to your mixer because it will start jumping all over your counter.

2. Reduce speed to low and add the butter gradually, in 3 to 4 additions. Once all butter is added, increase speed to medium-high. Continue mixing until the dough is again pulling away from the sides of the bowl, loudly slapping it and gathering into a very soft, elastic, silky and shiny mass that hugs the dough hook, 8 to 12 minutes. Again, stay close to your mixer because it will jump. The moment you stop beating the dough, it will relax into the bowl again.

3. Transfer the dough to a large buttered bowl. To activate the gluten further, stretch and fold the dough: Using one or both of your hands, reach down between the greased side of the bowl and the dough, and lift the dough up out of the bowl and fold the dough over itself. Rotate the bowl 90 degrees and repeat the process three more times. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, place it in the refrigerator for the first rise and let it chill anywhere from 4 hours to 24 hours.

4. Cover three 13-by-18-inch rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Cover a small area of countertop with a light layer of flour. Bring dough out of the refrigerator and, using your hands or a bench scraper, cut it into 15 pieces, each about 76 grams, which is about a ⅓-cup scoop. One by one, pat each piece of dough into a flat shape on the floured surface, then draw edges into the center, working your way around, pinching dough together into the center of what should now be a ball. Turn the ball over, cup it with your hand and move it in circles, rolling it over the counter for a few seconds to make a neater round. Repeat with remaining conchas and place 5 equally spaced balls on each of the 3 prepared baking sheets. Make sure there is a bit of flour on the counter before pressing each piece of dough, as dough is very sticky.

5. Make your preferred topping (see note): Combine all the ingredients for the selected topping flavor in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and mix on the lowest speed until the ingredients begin to combine, about 20 to 30 seconds. Raise the speed to medium and mix to form a glossy and smooth mixture, about 2 minutes.

6. Fill a small bowl halfway with warm water to wet your hands while you work to divide and shape the topping. Portion topping with a soup spoon to create 15 portions that are about 30 grams each. Wet your hands thoroughly and roll one portion of the topping into a ball. Set the ball in one palm and, using the other hand, pat it out into a 3 ½-inch round, as if you were patting a thick tortilla. (The topping is very sticky and soft, like a thick frosting, so moisten your hands as needed.) Place round disk over a concha and slide your fingers around the edges of the topping, pressing it lightly around the rim to gently adhere to the bun. The topping should not go all the way down to the parchment paper, but be at least about ¼ inch from it. Repeat to top the remaining conchas, keeping your hands wet throughout.

7. To make a shell pattern, dip a concha mold into flour to coat and very gently press the mold on the topping from one side to the other in a rolling motion, doing so swiftly and with determination as you move from side to side. (Dipping the mold in flour prevents it from sticking to the topping and prevents the topping from peeling away from the dough.) The mold should make a shell-shaped mark on the concha topping, merely indenting it without breaking through to the dough. If you don't have a concha mold, you can make the shape with a dinner knife by dipping it in flour and marking each concha with curves, lines or squares, but avoiding piercing through to the dough.

8. Cover the conchas with clean kitchen towels and set in a warm, draft-free area of your kitchen until they puff considerably, anywhere from 1 ½ to 2 hours. (They don't need to double in size.) At this point, the shaped toppings may have spread slightly, opening a bit more into the indented shapes.

9. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Bake conchas until golden brown and even more puffed, about 20 to 22 minutes. (If all three sheet pans don't fit in the oven at once, simply bake third batch after you've baked the first two.) Remove from oven.

10. Let rest for a few minutes before serving. Conchas are best the day they are baked, but can be stored in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

Note: Bread flour will yield buns with a more defined and slightly taller round shape, a more doughy and chewy texture, and a slightly less sweet taste. Each of the three toppings yields enough to cover full recipe of 15 conchas, but if you would like to try multiple flavor profiles, simply divide each topping by two or three. Due to the smaller amount, you'll need to blend the ingredients using a hand mixer, or simply in a bowl with a spatula.

Another variable in winemaking: climate change

One maker aims for 'climate-driven creative wines'

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times



New cuvees, under the generic California appellation, from the winery Donkey & Goat. **CAROLYN FONG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

BERKELEY, Calif. — If anyone doubts the jarring effect that climate change has already had on the California wine industry, ample evidence was on display in late March at Donkey & Goat's outdoor tasting area in this neighborhood of motorcycle repair shops and urban wineries.

At picnic tables, visitors sampled Donkey & Goat's newly released natural wines, a group that even the producer's most ardent fans would not recognize.

Instead of the usual bottles highlighting the hyperspecific terroir characteristics of single vineyards in Northern California, stretching from Mendocino and Sonoma east to El Dorado and the Sierra Foothills, the 2021 Donkey & Goat wines available to taste were either labeled with the generic "California" appellation or came from vineyards that had not been part of its usual lineup.

Wine fans who cherish bottles with a sense of place look for specificity in appellations, hoping the wines will reflect the qualities of an area or vineyard. That has always been Donkey & Goat's strong suit. In the past, any of its wine labeled "California" was made from inexpensive grapes and carried a modest price tag.

But this year, some of its most expensive grapes are going into those "California" wines. Crops from multiple appellations were combined in an effort to make up for shortfalls after the 2021 fires in Northern California.

The catastrophic fires of the past few growing seasons on the West Coast have turned what was once the relatively routine, annual ritual of harvest and winemaking into a period of fear and anxiety. Growers and winemakers now must consider whether fires will come again and what to do about it.

Fire damage, along with smoke and ash, is devastating to any vineyard and producer. Those wineries owned by billionaires or big corporations have the resources to withstand diminished harvests, or even a year or two with no wine at all. But small businesses like Donkey & Goat now face existential threats each year and wonder if they will be able to make enough wine to cover costs.

As a matter of survival, West Coast wineries have had to innovate, turning grapes that might have been destined for one sort of wine into a completely different one.

Tracey Rogers Brandt, the general manager and winemaker for Donkey & Goat, is hoping that the unusual wines she was compelled to make in 2021 will not be demeaned because they are different or unexpected. She hopes that what she calls her "climate-driven creative wines" will be recognized as inventive responses to disastrous events and valued accordingly.

Every year Isabel's Cuvée, a single-vineyard rosé made from grenache gris grown on the Gibson Ranch in the McDowell Valley of Mendocino County, is a core wine for Donkey & Goat.

Rogers Brandt had plenty of grapes in 2021 to produce the usual amount of Isabel's. But the Caldor Fire ravaged vineyards in El Dorado, where Donkey & Goat obtains nearly 55% of the grapes for its annual production of red wines.

Donkey & Goat was able to salvage roughly 40% of its red grapes, mostly syrah, grenache and mourvèdre. But when smoke and ash settle on red grapes, the grape skins, which provide color and structure to the wine, must be discarded. Red wine cannot be produced without subjecting the wine to the sorts of technological manipulations Donkey & Goat abhors.

In such cases, many wineries would use the grapes to make a simple rosé. Rogers Brandt could have made an innocuous rosé to sell alongside Isabel's Cuvée. But she said that would not have been satisfying aesthetically, and she would have lost money on the wine.

She decided instead to combine the rosé made from these grapes with the rosé destined for Isabel's Cuvée. Feeling the wine was still missing something, she added some pinot gris from the 2020 vintage, made in the ramato style, in which the juice and skins are macerated together, adding texture and color. Federal rules permit up to 15% of a blend from a vintage other than the stated year.

The result, labeled Gris Gris, is delightful — lively, tangy, refreshing and bone dry, with flavors of fruits and herbs. It includes grapes from McDowell Valley, Anderson Valley and El Dorado, hence the California appellation. Rogers Brandt is selling the wine for $32 a bottle, roughly equivalent to Isabel's Cuvée despite the appellation.

"I can't survive if I have climate impact and have to designate wines 'California' and sell them for a song," she said. "People say, 'It's not a vineyard-designate, it should be cheaper.' No, I should charge more because my expenses are so much higher."

Donkey & Goat, like many small wineries without vineyards of their own, must develop partnerships with growers to assure a steady supply of fruit. This is doubly important for producers like Rogers Brandt, who works primarily with organic and biodynamic vineyards.

Faced with fires in both 2020 and 2021, many winemakers bailed on growers or bought only a portion of their allotment. It's a difficult situation for all concerned, but Rogers Brandt said it was crucial to support growers.

"You can't just buy grapes in the good years," she said. "That's not going to work for growers. To preserve vineyards and farming, you have to keep it going."

Rogers Brandt faced a slightly different situation with the 2020 fires. That year, she harvested grapes that she expected to be fine. Only during the winemaking process did she discover they had been affected by smoke. She made what she could, even if the results, she said, left her heartbroken.

She vowed not to be caught off guard again. In the early part of 2021, she made a point of tasting many natural wines, looking for inspiration for what she called Plan B Wines if again confronted with fires.

Her other improvised 2021s, all with the California appellation, include Cannonball, an unusual blend of carignan and grüner veltliner with dollops of chardonnay, grenache blanc and vermentino from Mendocino, Monterey and El Dorado, bright, fruity and savory, all knit together with a thread of tannin, for $36; a light and pleasing pétillant naturel made of Monterey grüner veltliner and Anderson Valley chardonnay for $40; and Skinny Dip, for $36, which requires a bit of explanation.

After she made the Isabel's Cuvée, which went into her Gris Gris, Rogers Brandt took the pomace — the residue of pulp, skins, stems and seeds left from the winemaking process — and put it into a clay vat. She then filled it with a rosé of grenache noir from El Dorado and let them sit together for 12 days. The result was a dark rosé that was delicious, bright and lively.

"It was so good I'm going to do it again," she said. "During harvest I thought I was going to lose my business. I didn't know if I could pay my people. And I love these wines."

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A strawberry pie for early spring



The arrival of strawberry season calls for a celebratory pie. **SUSANA SANCHEZ/ LOS ANGELES TIMES**

By Ben Mims
Los Angeles Times

Although strawberries scream "summer" to most people, to me they carry a lot of BSE: Big Spring Energy. That's because growing up in the South, the first strawberries of the year hit markets in early March.

And while those early season berries weren't as sweet as those that came at the start of summer, I always loved them more. Their slightly sulphuric, sour flavor made them ideal for baking, since it helped to cook them down with sugar so as to make them as candy-like as their late-season siblings.

I mostly refuse to eat strawberries throughout the rest of the year, waiting for those first berries of spring to kick off the season that lasts until the last super-sweet berries leave in the summer. And right now, all I want to do is bake things with these new berries.

My current baking project is a cold pie that incorporates the cooked-down strawberries into a "Black Forest" flavor profile.

Instead of using cherries, which I often find need a lot of help to coax that enticing "red" flavor from within, early season strawberries have the robust, tangy flavor I want — when cooked and condensed, the acidity balances all the sugar and allows for an exponentially greater berry-full flavor.

To complete the inspiration, I spread a layer of chocolate pudding over the jammy berries, followed by a layer of whipped cream to cut all the richness.

In that last layer, I use cornstarch and gelatinto to help set the whipped cream and prevent weeping — when water separates from the dairy fat — which can happen as it sits. It's a technique — to help set the whipped cream on the outside and keep it stable, sliceable and soft — I learned from making a traditional Black Forest cake.

First you make a pudding by cooking a small amount of milk with cornstarch and sugar, then you dissolve gelatin into the pudding and, finally, fold it into the whipped cream to stabilize it.

It may seem unnecessary, but when you work so hard on a pie like this, you want to ensure it sets up and comes out looking beautiful with each slice — now is not the time for those fashionably floppy pie fillings.

The crust is an homage to chocolate-flavored Teddy Grahams cookies, which have the perfect light-chocolate flavor I'm after, and are balanced with the earthiness of graham crackers. But because they're often difficult to find, I came up with my own amalgamation of the cookies using plain graham crackers and cocoa powder to mimic the flavor.

With all the intense fillings above it, this crust is refreshingly tame in comparison and a cinch to make since rolling out pastry would be overkill here.

To garnish, I use some simple shaved bits of chocolate and, if I want to really impress (I always do), a sprinkling of ground freeze-dried strawberries. It's a luscious, sensual pie using a berry that, for now, is happy to play with other strong flavors until it's ready to show its sweet side.

STRAWBERRY FOREST PIE

Total time: 2 hours
Makes: 8 servings
For the crust:
1 ¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
⅓ cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons Dutch process cocoa powder
⅛ teaspoon fine sea salt
6 tablespoons melted unsalted butter
For the strawberry layer:
12 ounces strawberries, hulled and quartered
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon fine sea salt
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon water
½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
For the chocolate pudding layer:
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 large egg yolks
¾ cup whole milk
3 ounces bittersweet chocolate (preferably 70%), finely chopped
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon fine sea salt
For the cream layer:
1 ½ teaspoons unflavored powdered gelatin
½ cup plus 2 tablespoons whole milk, divided
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup chilled heavy cream
¼ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Finely ground freeze-dried strawberries and/or grated dark chocolate, to garnish

1. Make the crust: Heat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, add the cracker crumbs, sugar, cocoa powder, salt and butter, and mix with your fingers until evenly combined. Transfer the mixture to a 9-inch metal pie pan and press evenly into the bottom and sides of the pan. Bake until darkened with the edges a shade lighter, about 10 minutes. Transfer the crust to a wire rack and let cool while you make the strawberry layer.

2. Make the strawberry layer: Combine strawberries, sugar and salt in a small saucepan. Place over medium heat and cook, stirring every minute or so, until strawberries have mostly collapsed, there are no rigidly solid pieces left and there is plenty of syrup around them, about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, stir together cornstarch and water. Pour cornstarch slurry into the berries, and continue cooking until liquid thickens (some of the berries will break down into the syrup), about 1 minute. Remove pan from the heat and stir in vanilla. Scrape the strawberries into the pie crust and spread into an even layer. Let cool while you make the chocolate pudding layer.

3. Make the chocolate pudding layer: In a small saucepan, whisk together the sugar and cornstarch, then mix in the egg yolks. Add the milk and stir until smooth. Place the pan over medium heat and cook, stirring constantly, until the pudding begins bubbling, about 4 minutes, then keep cooking, stirring constantly, until the pudding is thick, about 1 minute more. Remove the pan from the heat, and stir in the chocolate and butter until both are melted and smooth. Stir in the vanilla and salt, then scrape the chocolate pudding over the strawberry layer. Spread into an even layer and let cool completely.

4. Make the cream layer: Sprinkle gelatin over 2 tablespoons milk in a bowl; let sit until gelatin softens, about 5 minutes. Whisk together sugar and cornstarch in a small saucepan, then add remaining ½ cup milk and place over medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens to the consistency of very thick pudding, 4 to 5 minutes, then remove pan from the heat, and stir in gelatin mixture until it dissolves fully. Scrape gelatin mixture into a large bowl and let cool, stirring occasionally, to room temperature.

5. In a medium bowl, whisk cream and vanilla until stiff peaks form. Add one-third of the whipped cream to the gelatin mixture, and stir until smooth. Add the remaining whipped cream and gently fold with a rubber spatula until evenly combined. Scrape the whipped cream over the chocolate layer and smooth the top. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.

6. When ready to serve, sprinkle the top with chocolate shavings and/or ground freeze-dried strawberries. Serve immediately while chilled.



Cajun seasoning gives this pork Louisiana flair. **JENNIFER CAUSEY/ EATINGWELL**

Spice up your pork chops with Cajun seasoning

By Breana Killeen | EatingWell

A Cajun-seasoned pork chop rub adds a delicious smoky flavor to this easy skillet dish. The polenta has a nice sharp bite thanks to cheddar cheese. Don't have any on hand? Try Parmesan or Gouda instead.

CAJUN SKILLET PORK CHOPS WITH ASPARAGUS AND CHEESY POLENTA

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 35 minutes
4 cups water
1 cup cornmeal
1 ½ pounds thin-cut bone-in pork chops
1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning
½ teaspoon salt plus a pinch, divided
2 tablespoons grapeseed or canola oil, divided
1 pound asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces
¼ cup white wine
1 ¼ cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
4 scallions, sliced
1 tablespoon butter
¼ teaspoon ground pepper

1. Bring water to a boil in medium saucepan over high heat. Slowly whisk in cornmeal and reduce heat to maintain a simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened and the cornmeal is tender, about 20 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, season pork chops with Cajun seasoning and ¼ teaspoon salt. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork and cook, turning once, until browned, about 1 minute per side. Reduce heat to medium and continue cooking until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part registers 140 degrees, 3 to 6 minutes more. Transfer the pork to a plate and tent with foil to keep warm.

3. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil, asparagus, wine and pinch of salt to the pan. Cook, scraping up any browned bits, until the asparagus is tender, about 3 minutes.

4. Remove the polenta from the heat and stir in cheese, scallions, butter, pepper and the remaining ¼ teaspoon salt. Serve the pork chops with the asparagus and polenta. Note: The aromatic blend, made with paprika, garlic and onion powders, dried herbs and cayenne for a touch of heat, is delicious on meat, seafood and stirred into soup. Look for a salt-free version if that's a concern for you.

Nutritional information per serving: 565 calories, total fat: 35 g, saturated fat: 14 g, cholesterol: 111 mg, carbohydrates: 28 g, fiber: 4 g, total sugars: 2 g, protein: 37 g, sodium: 658 mg, potassium: 627 mg, iron: 3 mg, folate: 61 mcg, calcium: 298 mg, vitamin A: 1250 IU, vitamin C: 7 mg

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

White beans and artichoke hearts, an inspired combo

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This soup is easy to make into a full meal. **DREAMSTIME**

Springtime soups often show off the assortment of greens that have just arrived at the farmers market. Sweet peas, asparagus, ramps and Chinese peas are just a few of the greens I love to cook.

Sometimes I like to combine unlikely but complementary flavors together. The simple white bean often needs some oomph to bring out its flavor. Combining white beans and artichoke hearts turns out to be an inspired combination. The artichoke hearts add just a hint of the artichokes' distinguishing taste. And even though they're frozen, the artichokes provide the unique flavor in this soup.

If you like a smooth soup, straining the soup creates a silken texture. Sometimes I will use my Vitamix blender if I want to skip the straining step, since it creates a silky, frothy texture. Using frozen artichoke hearts cuts down an enormous amount of preparation time without sacrificing any flavor.

This is easy to make into a full meal. Serve warms chunks of your favorite rustic bread with plates of fruity olive oil. I like to drink a light-oaked Chardonnay or a Beaujolais with this soup.

WHITE BEAN AND ARTICHOKE SOUP

Makes: 6 servings
1 cup (½ pound) dried white beans
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium onions, coarsely chopped
2 carrots, peeled and coarsely chopped
¾-pound frozen artichoke hearts, defrosted
7 cups chicken stock
3 garlic cloves, minced
3 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped, or 1 (14 ½ ounce) can diced canned tomatoes
Salt and white pepper or to taste
¼ cup finely chopped parsley
To garnish:
½ cup favorite croutons, optional
6 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Soak the beans overnight in enough cold water to generously cover or do a quick soak by bringing them to a boil in just enough water to cover, boiling for 2 minutes, then covering and letting stand 1 hour. Drain the beans.

2. In a 6-quart soup pot over medium heat, heat the oil, add the onions, and saute for about 5 minutes or until softened, stirring occasionally. Add the carrots and saute for 3 minutes or until slightly softened. Add the artichokes hearts and saute, about 2 to 3 minutes, until slightly softened. Increase the heat to high and add the stock, beans, garlic and tomatoes. When the soup comes to a boil, reduce the heat to low and simmer for about 1 to 1 ¼ hours, partially covered, or until the beans are tender.

3. Puree the soup in the pot with a hand blender or in a food processor. At this point, you can strain the soup through a fine-meshed strainer into a large saucepan. If you like it chunkier, partially puree, leaving some texture. Add a bit more stock if too thick. Heat the soup on medium heat and add the salt, pepper and 2 tablespoons of the parsley and taste for seasoning.

4. To serve, ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with optional croutons, the remaining parsley, and the Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

Advance preparation: The soup can be prepared up to three days ahead through Step 3, covered and refrigerated. Reheat gently. You can also freeze the soup. Be sure to adjust the seasonings and add fresh herbs when you reheat the frozen soup.